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Death of boy mystery

Police not sure if hanging was accidental

By Diane Gale
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staff writers

Canton police were undecided whether 8-year-old Stephen Nalepa committed suicide or accidentally hanged himself in his family's home on Saturday, March 24.

Police consulted Ann Arbor psychiatrist Dr. Norman Alessi Wednesday, before closing the investigation, to ask whether an 8-year-old would understand the concept of suicide and death.

"His position is that it is possible for a child to conceptualize the finality of death and it is possible for the child to know what suicide is," said police Capt. Al Wilson.

Nalepa was found by his 10-year-old brother Jason with a belt around his neck, hanging from the upper level of the boy's bunkbed.

The Nalepa family was unavailable earlier this week to comment



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Canton police Capt. Al Wilson and Director of Public Safety John Santomauro announced Wednesday the death of Doug Briggs was accidental. They said it could not be determined if the death of eight-year-old Stephen Nalepa was accidental or suicide.

about the finality of the police investigation.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said during a press conference that he wouldn't comment on whether police believe the film, "Nobody's Useless," which was shown to Nalepa's second-grade class the day before the hanging, was a factor in the boy's death.

The movie showed two suicide attempt scenes and was recommended for fourth through ninth grades.

School staff members told the family the movie wasn't previewed and they didn't know that two suicide attempt scenes were in the movie.

The family declined to comment on the case earlier this week.

The Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corp. in Chicago withdrew the film from the market in response to concerns that the film may have led to Nalepa's death.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office had ruled that Nalepa's death was an asphyxiation by hang-

ing. The ruling didn't determine if the death was accidental or a suicide.

A memorial fund in honor of Nalepa has been set-up by Citizens for Better Education, a community school watchdog group of Christian conservatives.

The money will be used to help meet funeral expenses. By early this week, the group had raised \$600. Call Diane Daskalakis at 455-8842 or Kathy Ruzinski at 420-0153 for more information.

Police: Youth's hanging death was accident

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Douglas Briggs, a Plymouth-Salem football player, died accidentally on March 25, while attempting to copy a strangulation technique gleaned from an article detailing the training regimen of Mark Bavaro, a tight end for the New York Giants, police said.

"The most likely theory was that he may have been experimenting to cut-off his wind supply as a training tool to help him in football. That he may have lost consciousness and the weight of his body cut-off air supply," said Capt. Al Wilson of the Canton police.

"Our investigation leads us to believe that the Briggs boy died of an accidental asphyxiation by hanging," according to Canton police Cpt. Al Wilson.

Members of the Briggs family found an article about Bavaro on the

youth's desk in the Canton family's basement where the 16-year-old's body was found hanging from a basement rafter from a scarf.

Bavaro in a telephone interview with the Observer said his training regimen didn't include strangulation, only neck exercises.

A PORTION of the article found by the family gave biographical information about Bavaro: "Off-season program features self-inflicted punishment, (getting strangled and punched in the stomach) to overcome fear... Lead Spartan life by staying in hotel all last year."

Less than three hours before Briggs was found, police were called to the Nalepa home, also in Canton, where 8-year-old Stephen was hanging by a belt from the top of his bunk bed.

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Mother: athlete not to blame for death

By Mary Washko
staff writer

Patricia Briggs, the mother of Doug Briggs, said Wednesday she doesn't blame New York Giants tight end Mark Bavaro for her son's death and wants to set the record straight.

Bavaro contacted the Briggs family Tuesday night to offer his condolences after hearing from The Observer Newspaper that the boy died accidentally when apparently trying to imitate one of his training techniques.

"I don't blame him or anyone for my son's death," Patricia Briggs said. "He (Bavaro) may have had weird training techniques, but how can I blame him for something Doug read in an article. It would be pointless now, nothing can bring him back."

The article, which the family found the day after the hanging, detailed Bavaro's regimen. Thomas and Patricia Briggs searched sports magazines but could not determine

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— Patricia Briggs

from where the article was clipped. Doug and his brother, Daniel, would clip and post pictures of many different football players on their bedroom walls, the mother said. But, Bavaro was never singled out, she said.

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Athlete says strangulation not his style

By Diane Gale
staff writer

New York Giants tight end Mark Bavaro broke his usual silence with the media to respond to assumptions that a Canton boy strangled himself trying to emulate the pro-player.

After being told about the Plymouth-Canton football player, Bavaro said: "It's idiotic for me to go out and be against drugs and to teach kids how to live right and to be an example of a masochist."

"It's a big shock," Bavaro said. "That's a dog-gone shame."

"I'm deeply sorry for the death of the young man and my sympathy goes out to the family."

Although the Briggs family doesn't blame Bavaro, the football pro said he accepts responsibility for the role he plays as a public figure.

"I do feel responsible in some way," he said.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner has ruled that Douglas Briggs, 16, an aspiring pro football player accidentally strangled himself in the family's basement. An article about Bavaro and his training techniques was found in the boy's belongings.

Part of the article said: "Off season program features self inflicted punishment, (getting strangled and punched in the stomach) to overcome fear."

Bavaro said: "It's a perversion of some of the things I was doing."

BAVARO SAID he uses a machine to practice neck exercises, which are practiced by thousands of athletes everywhere.

Breathing techniques were separate. "Learning to breathe right. It was no different from a singer learning to breathe from the diaphragm. It was less of an exercise and more of a philosophy and

theory to learn how to breathe properly when exercising."

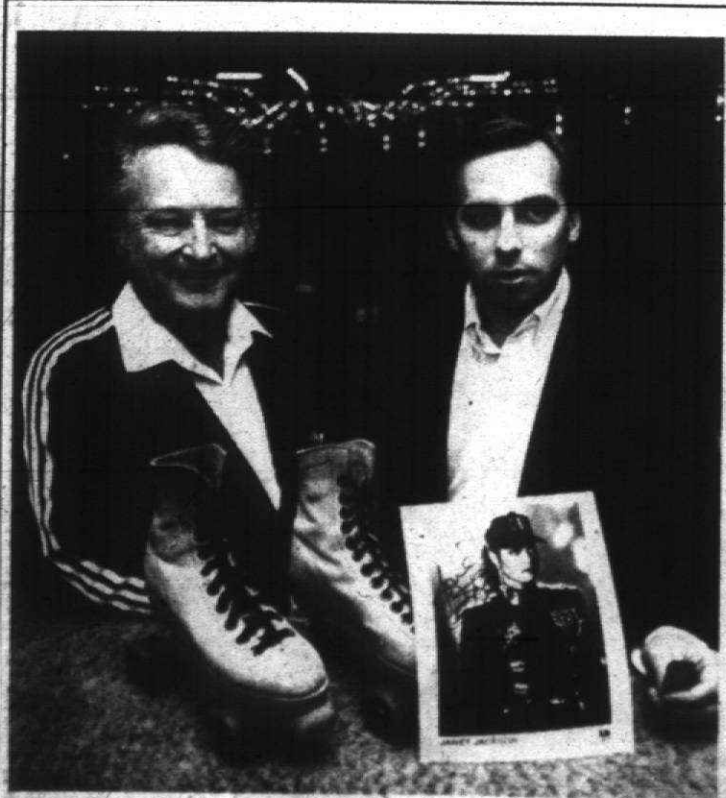
Detailing his exercises aren't important, Bavaro said, but rather how they are portrayed in the paper.

"Any physical training has always been supervised," Bavaro said. "I advise everyone to be supervised to some extent. They should have someone there to help if something goes wrong. I do not condone anyone to practice exercises that might involve any danger to the body. I was never involved in anything like that."

He said the breathing technique was a small part of the routine. The very nature of working out is self-inflicted punishment, he said.

"It was no different from running a sprint," he said.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Jackson visit

Woody Lynch, left, owner of the Skatin' Station in Canton Township, displays the size 7 skates worn by Janet Jackson, while manager Chuck Jackson holds the admission ticket used by Jackson. The pop singer bought out the rink for her entourage of 100 Sunday night. Lynch received free tickets to her Monday night concert.

Builders eye old school; district wants new one

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A group of local business people has designed a plan to transform the 22-acre Central Middle School site in downtown Plymouth into an upscale retail/office/residential development.

"I've looked at some plans for a three-story development with retail on the first floor, office on the second, and apartments, town houses or condos on the third floor with a health club," said Terry Bixler, who serves on the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and works for The Patrician Group, a commercial/industrial real estate firm in Plymouth.

"IT WOULD be a beautiful development. It wouldn't be block and square; it would be nice to look at."

The identities of those proposing the project are being kept confidential, Bixler said.

"The idea is being battled around by local business and community people who are looking to outside developers to do the project. The Patrician Group could be instrumental" in putting it together, he said.

School officials say the plan hasn't been presented to them.

"I think everything on Central is premature," said Superintendent John Hoben. "I don't see any dia-

logue from our standpoint about there being anything other than a school there at this point.

"IN ORDER for that (the development) to come about, it would have to be sold by the school board. The question is how much would it bring, and would it replace a given build-

ing? That's the bottom line."

A new middle school would cost about \$15 million to build, said Hoben. An elementary school would cost \$5 million; a high school \$35 million.

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Community split on office/condo project

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Government students at Plymouth-Canton High School recently asked nearly 1,000 classmates and adults how the district should deal with increasing enrollment.

Among their questions was, "Should Central Middle School be torn down and sold to condominium developers? The dollars would be used to build a new middle school or elementary school in Canton."

Fifty-two percent of the students responded yes, 47 percent no.

Thirty-three of the adults said yes, 66 percent no.

City officials and community members are equally divided.

Downtown Development Authority members say a quality office/retail/residential development on the 22-acre site would draw business people and residents downtown, enhancing the viability of the central business district.

"It would generate a lot of tax dollars which the city desperately needs," said Terry Bixler, a DDA member who works in commercial and industrial real estate with The Patrician Group.

"With its deficit, the city can use all the tax dollars it can get."

PAUL SINCOCK, assistant to the city manager, said he'd look at the numbers before advocating a plan.

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The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office said both boys died of asphyxiation by hanging.

APARENTLY BRIGGS was a lot like the Giants star player on and off the field. Bavaro, 27, from Notre Dame is known for his quiet manner, strong physique, maintaining privacy and not talking to reporters.

A Feb. 2, 1987 "Sporting News" article said: "The other Giants enjoyed talking about Bavaro's not talking. The Giants fell in love with him that rookie season."

Friends described Briggs as a quiet, well built youth who spent much of his time in his basement bedroom, Wilson said.

Briggs told friends he wanted to be a pro football player, Wilson said.

"It's possible that he may have identified with this football player with the Giants and misinterpreted the article," Wilson said.

Johnny Parker, assistant Giants coach, said he was

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Technique mystery to trainers

By Mary Washko
staff writer

The training techniques used by New York Giants tight end Mark Bavaro were unknown to students who played with Doug Briggs and some trainers in the National Football League.

An article found near the 16-year-old's body after his death described Bavaro's regime, which during the off-season included self-inflicted punishment, strangulation and punches to the stomach to overcome fear.

Plymouth-Salem High School football players said they had not heard of Bavaro's conditioning method and the team had not discussed it.

KENT FALB, head trainer for the Detroit Lions, said he knows Bavaro but does not know of the technique.

"This is the first I've heard of it," Falb said. "But high school kids do look to NFL players as models. It's possible the boy would model something a professional did."

Falb said players often exchange ideas on how to improve their game, but he said he hasn't heard players talking about anything like the Bavaro method.

"This certainly would be a very dramatic method of training. It's a real tragedy if emulating a hero would lead to something like this," Falb said.

Plymouth-Salem football coach Tom Moshimer also said he never heard Briggs or the team discuss such training.

"This comes as a total surprise to me. We're still trying to make sense out of the whole thing," Moshimer said.

Since joining the Giants in 1985, Bavaro has developed a tough-guy image and is known to play with broken bones and other injuries.

After his first year, Bavaro's training turned to breathing techniques that would conserve energy and control adrenaline.

The training also allowed Bavaro to increase his resistance to pain.

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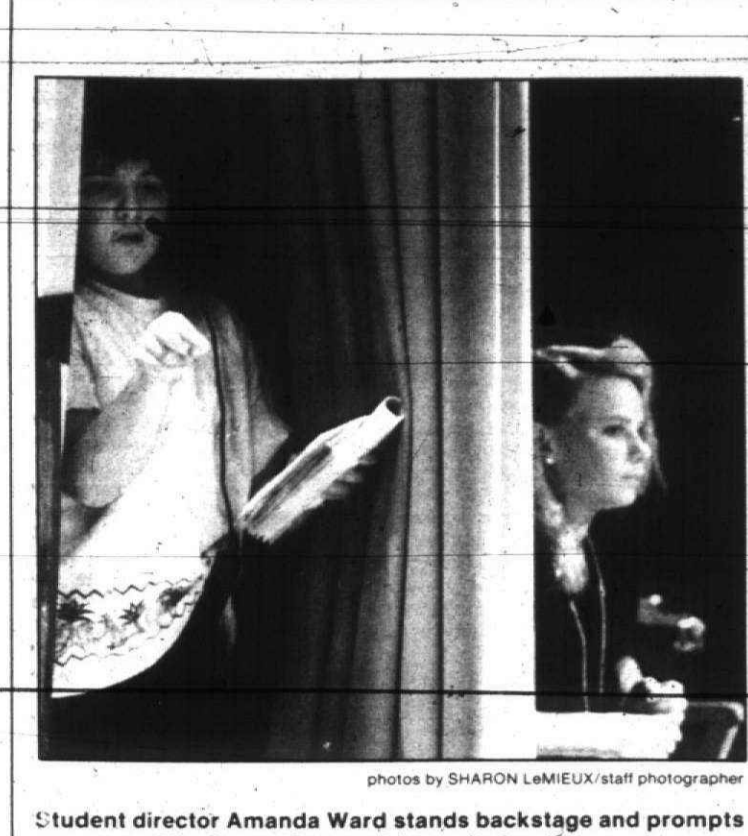
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Student director Amanda Ward stands backstage and prompts an actor, while Stacey Setter, right, waits her turn on stage.

Young cast makes tracks for comedy

Students at Central Middle School will be on stage today and Friday at 7:30 p.m. when the sixth, seventh and eighth grades present "Off the Track," a three-act comedy in the cafeteria.

Tickets are available at the door and are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

The play deals with a group of travelers forced to stop at a small station by problems with the train on which they have been riding. During their stop, one passenger discovers that an expensive string of pearls is missing, however, they later show up in the lunch basket of another passenger.

Students in the cast are: Steve Hoskins, David Mowery, Jessica Mull, Jennifer Gruta, Danielle Wren, Angel Leische, Dana Reiman, Brian Hacker, Scott Schopery, Larry Hutchinson, Jessica Lopez, Kerry Davis, Amy Furmanek, Julie Hutchinson, Piper Diabrow, Scott Singleton, Christian Hebel, Jill Brzezinski, Angela Vassallo, Kimberly Figiel, Jennie Ouellette, Janice Freijdaa, Justin Carlson, Tony Vassallo, Ken Taylor, Lindsay Ferlit, Stacey Setter, Kathy Saelzler and Amanda Ward.



Jennie Ouellette who plays Mrs. Guarino in the production chats with Kathy Saelzler, who plays Pidgie McDougal. On the floor is Janie Freijdaa, who plays Antonia Guarino.



Backstage, Angela Vassallo puts makeup on the station master, Scott Singleton, who plays station master John Morgan. Other actors getting ready for the play are: Jill Brzezinski (left), Ken Taylor and Christian Hebel.

Area accountant to be feted for work with home for boys

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

In first through eighth grades. Asked to describe living there, Yoe said, "I probably saw more Tiger games, saw more circuses than most other boys."

After graduating from Cleary College in Ypsilanti in 1962 and beginning work as a certified public accountant, by 1970 he was involved in helping to oversee the St. Francis Home, on Fenkell.

"If you're willing to do things (for the home), they're happy to see it happen that way," he said. "You see needs that are being met and you do what you can to help."

Nowadays, the home serves about 100 boys. "We're taking in boys that have failed in numerous situations; their own home, a foster home. They've probably failed two or three times," Yoe said.

Most are placed by state agencies such as social services, mental health and the courts. While most are from the inner city, some are from western Wayne and Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

"We're giving them a last opportunity to get their life together and make something out of it," Yoe said. The next step, "is a closed setting, a secured facility."

For a time, Plymouth accountant Tim Yoe lived in the St. Francis Home for Boys in Detroit.

Now, 40 years later, a state group plans to honor him for his recent work as board chairman for the home.

"He did not forget his roots and recognized his obligation to give something back," said Karen Leach, president of the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies.

They plan to honor Yoe as Board Member of the Year May 9 in Lansing.

"It's really because we have a lot of other good people working on the board of trustees, and an experience, caring, dedicated staff," Yoe said, commenting on the award as traffic rumbled past Sutherland & Yoe's Main Street office.

Yoe and a brother stayed at the home from 1949-52, before returning to their father in Plymouth.

"There were almost 300 boys then. When I was there it was mostly orphans or half-orphans. It had a military school setting," he said, for boys



Tim Yoe

Easter musicale scheduled Sunday

Looking for something special to do Palm Sunday? An Easter Musicale is on tap at the Sweet Afton Tea Room April 8. Performances by local piano and voice students will take place at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Admission, \$9, covers the program, and a lunch of tea sandwiches, dessert and tea. Tickets are available in advance only by calling 459-1112.

Among the performers will be award-winning students including Carla C'Ascenzo, 8, of Canton, Lisa Maul, 10, of Plymouth, and Sarah Cappuccitti, 10, of Canton.

While enjoying high tea in a Victorian setting, patrons will be treated to, among other pieces, "Peter Cottontail" and "Easter Parade" compliments of entertainers in Easter bonnets.

Organizing the program is the Charlotte Moore-Viculin Studio of Music of Plymouth.

Viculin, who received her teachers' diploma from the Detroit Conservatory of Music at age 15, is a professional pianist, organist and vocalist, who has accompanied Gladys Knight and the Pips. She includes Motown among her biggest clients.

Viculin also is a member of the board of directors of the Plymouth Symphony.

At Nalli Music of Ann Arbor is donating use of a piano for the day.

The Sweet Afton Tea Room is at 985 N. Mill just past the railroad tracks in Old Village.

For more information, call 459-1112 or 454-0777.

Diabetic children focus of free clinic

The Garden City Masonic Lodge 587 and Children's Hospital of Detroit are sponsoring a free regional clinic at the hospital Wednesday, April 25, for diabetic children up to age 18 who live in the area.

Registration deadline is next Wednesday. To register, call Garden City Lodge's coordinator William McCartney, 278-1799.

The clinics throughout the state are co-sponsored by Michigan Medicine and Children's Hospital's endocrinology department. The hospital is part of the Detroit Medical Center,

east of Woodward, a half mile south of Warren Road.

They afford an opportunity for patients and parents to meet with a diabetes team comprised of an endocrinologist, nurse clinician and dietitian, he said.

McCartney said up-to-date diabetes management methods will be discussed, including adjusting insulin doses according to daily fluctuations in blood sugars, nutrition and exercise. A social worker will be available to help families with the emotional and financial stresses of hav-

ing a diabetic child.

Leonard Kallio, lodge master, noted that the clinic will not determine if a child has diabetes, but will provide health care for children identified as having diabetes and take insulin injections.

Clinics are held during the day and individual appointment times are arranged by Children's Hospital. Families should plan to be at the clinic for about two to three hours. Lab test results and recommendations will be mailed to each family and the family's physician.

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City would rezone school property for development

Plymouth Planning Commissioner Dave Schaff, employed by Architects and Planners Inc. in Plymouth Township, said, Central is "an area we might want to rezone. We're looking at how things will re-develop."

"It's becoming an issue simply because land is so scarce in the city. It's kind of in an area separating Old Village from the central business district. It seems like the school is almost a barrier," he said.

"But it has to be done in conjunction with the school district. I don't want to just go in and say it shouldn't be used for education any more and rezone it to office."

One of the proposed developments Schaff says he's heard of calls for a "health club facility or private club of some sort which could be connected to an office building complex." Converting the building "would take some pretty creative re-working. It's very well built and very much suited for what it was designed for," he said.

DAN SMITH, VICE chairman of the Plymouth DDA and a branch manager of Republic Bancorp, Mortgage Inc., says Central "definitely is a great big huge white elephant sitting there in the middle of prime downtown property."

"It's probably costing the school system more than it's worth, just from the standpoint that it's a very big, very old expensive building that requires lots of upkeep. Sooner or later, it doesn't make any economic sense to keep it."

There's a better use for the property than the existing one, Smith said.

"I know a lot of people in Plymouth don't like hearing things like this, but you're going to get into some pricey high-end real estate, because the cost of developing that land will be astronomical."

"I WOULD think you will see some combination of

first-class residential which is something the DDA has really targeted for downtown."

Smith says condominiums are more likely than single family homes.

"The reason for that has to do with economics," he said. "You can put up more per acre than you can houses. You have to go with the highest and best use. The best return would be on condominiums."

The development should be geared to older people "who can walk to the downtown area," he said. "Two stories, maximum. There's a lot of land there. Obviously you could include some office, retail and mixed use. I'd love to see it happen, but it's all pie in the sky now."

BUSINESSMAN JIM JABARA, a Plymouth city commissioner, who served on a study committee that examined Central Middle School a few years ago, said: "The school really should be torn down, at least the old

portion. The older portion has almost outlived its usefulness."

"Obviously, the potential is there for development. It would be a great location for some sort of planned unit development where you had some combined uses."

"I think primarily the front portion would be good for office and commercial. It might be well to even incorporate the Baptist church next door that's for sale."

HOUSING WOULD be suitable for the rear of the site that abuts residential property, said Jabara, who owns J.M.J. Properties.

"There's no question it would be good for Plymouth. Twenty-two acres in downtown Plymouth has got to be a prime location."

Jabara says he hasn't proposed a development for the site, but would consider, one as part of a group. "I'd take a look at it if someone were going to do it," he said.

Builders want school property for office/condos

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School board members, who have decided to move all district ninth graders to the high schools next fall, are exploring options for Central.

"Among them are using it for students who wish to concentrate in fine arts, maintaining it as a middle school; or using the 76-year-old building for students who want to attend high school in a setting less expensive than Centennial Educational Park. Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools share the CEP campus."

The Central site was appraised in 1985 at \$3.5 million. Conservatively speaking, if the property were sold and 300 condominiums valued at \$100,000 were built, tax revenue would approach \$450,000 a year, said Hoedel.

From 1982-1989, property values in Plymouth have climbed 40 percent.

"THE LAST time it became an option and it was talked about, we had people speaking against the issue," said Hoedel. "But I look at a little differently now. Unlike a high school like Dearborn Fordson with its architecture and scrollwork, Central has been added onto several times with several different types of brick."

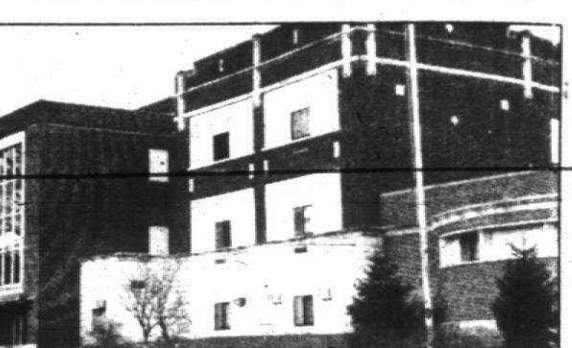
"It's not a great building. You could pour \$4 or \$5 million into it and you wouldn't know it."

Where else could condominiums be built in Plymouth? asks Trustee E.J. McClendon.

"WE SEE expensive multiple-unit condos going up all around us, in Plymouth Township and also in Canton. I can't see where there isn't a need for that kind of housing in Plymouth," he said.

Building a middle school in another portion of the district could be cost-effective, added McClendon.

"Look how closely Pioneer, West, East and Central are to each other. You could lay a quarter on the map and cover all of our middle schools, except maybe Lowell. We need to consider carefully the long-term cost of transporting all these kids to a small cluster of buildings."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A group of local business people would like to see the Central Middle School site in downtown Plymouth developed into a retail/office/residential complex.

RAY HOEDEL, ASSOCIATE superintendent for business, isn't ruling out the sale of Central.

"You could make a case out of it. You could design some nice condos. And it would certainly help pay for new schools," he said.

Police announce promotions

Two new captain positions were approved for the police department Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees to provide stronger leadership for all shifts.

Lt. Larry Stewart and Lt. Alex Wilson were promoted to the rank of captain and two sergeants will be selected to take their spots as lieutenants.

John Santomuro, director of public safety, said, "This is the first time we've had captains in the department."

The new positions were created in response to the department's growth and the need to establish more definite leadership for patrolman during shifts, Santomuro said.

Two sergeants will be selected to fill the vacancies at the lieutenant levels created by the move.

District would need enough money from sale to buy new school

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"It's a fairly sizeable chunk of land. The facility provides a lot of services and recreational opportunities, from Little League football to adult softball."

"It's an ideal location for condos. You know what they say in real estate — location, location, location."

District Judge James Garber, former president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, hasn't studied Central's future, but said: "What this area really needs is some real first class rental units."

Garber says a three- or four-story luxury apartment building with underground parking and "maybe even a restaurant or health club connected with it" would "go and go big."

Acting City Manager Ken Way says one of the school's positive features is that it brings young people into the community.

"I don't know whether the building is adequate for their needs. It's an old school. But if it's structurally sound, I like to see young people downtown. Kids add a spark, a little lift to downtown."

WILLIAM DECKER of Prudential William Decker Realtors in Plymouth served on the school board in the early 1980s.

"I question whether we need more condos downtown," said Decker. "Take Deer Meadows behind the Old Farmer Jack's. Those condominiums are selling slowly. They're priced at \$150,000 to \$170,000, and taxes are high."

"I don't think Central Middle would be really needed in our community for condos, unless they could

develop them in a lower price situation, smaller units in the low hundreds."

"That'd make for an interesting development from a revenue standpoint. Decker said. "If they were developed properly they could generate a nice amount of revenue. The school district could use that money to offset building another school elsewhere."

Dave Schaff, Plymouth planning commissioner, would like to see the site developed.

"The business community is not keeping up with the surrounding area in development. We're trying to look for ways to foster that development," said Schaff, who works with Architects and Planners Inc. in Plymouth Township. "Mainly we're looking at service, retail, office. Everything that works well in a downtown area."

"The thing we don't want to see happen is for the central business area to take over the total boundaries so that we'd lose that town feel. On the other hand, we don't want to see the downtown area die and the city become a two-and-a-half-square mile of residences with a decayed business district. That affects property values."

GREG GOODMAN, DDA chairman and owner of Cafe Bon Homme,

said Central is located on "a very important piece of property. It's too important of an asset to go off half-cocked and not really explore the best possible use."

"I would hope a good, long hard look was taken as to its best possible use, whether it be for the school system or for downtown development. I just hope that we're in a position to do that as a community, and that we'll strive to do that in the future," said Goodman.

Ralph Lorenz, longtime Plymouth landowner, is opposed to developing the Central site.

"Why take it out of the hands of the schools?"

President's metro visit raises cash, protests

By Janice Brunson staff writer

While President George Bush addressed the Republican elite Tuesday at a \$1,000-a-plate dinner in the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, a ragtag band of demonstrators standing across the street bared the late afternoon light to promote individual political agendas.

"The War on Drugs is a War on the People," proclaimed a banner dominating the gathering of Libertarians, environmentalists, Communists and others who, bedecked in embroidery, crystals and American flags, evoked memories of yesterday's flower children.

In contrast, Bruce Cain, a 35-year-old information specialist and founder of the Wayne County-based New

Age Patriot newsletter, wore tie and overcoat. The Patriot, founded last August, advocates the decriminalization of mind altering drugs that are now illegal.

"In a passionate speech, Cain said: 'Up until now George Bush has insisted that only intellectuals endorse various forms of drug legalization or decriminalization. This rally will hopefully send a new message. It is time George Bush understands in no uncertain terms that there is a growing number of us who want to end this mindless war.'

"The only real solution," Cain continued, "is regulated drug legalization, education and rehabilitation."

EMILY SALVETTE, a 34-year-old Bromfield Hills housewife and mother of two, applauded Cain's re-

marks. "A lot of people do a lot of stupid things (use drugs), but government's role is to protect people, not to tell them how to live in the privacy of their homes."

Todd Scott, 31, a West Bloomfield home inspector who has supported legalizing drugs for eight years, agrees.

"I certainly don't condone the use of drugs I don't use drugs. But we can't take away everyone's rights because of the acts of a few. Government has no role in the home."

In a treatise authored by Cain, he maintains the current beefed-up war on drugs violates constitutional liberties through the use of random urine testing, car check points, property confiscations, unusually harsh punishments and no-knock laws which allow police to enter a home unannounced if they have a warrant.

"We're standing up for your rights," said Susan Sunshine, a middle-aged woman calling herself "Mother Earth" and active in environmental affairs. "The war on drugs is a sham."

Cain agrees with Sunshine. "The criminal justice approach is not working. The federal government has budgeted \$10.6 billion to fight the drug war. Yet, based on a recent survey of 314 mayors, 58 percent of the nation's cities reported worse problems and 31 percent reported no change. Only 9 percent reported progress."

"WE'RE SPENDING BILLIONS of tax dollars to fight a war we're not going to win, a war we can't win, not unless you want to turn America into a police state," said a self-proclaimed "hippie from San Francisco," Mary Long, who now lives in Wayne County.

Illicit drugs involve enormous sums of money, according to Jeff Hampton of Northville, state treasurer for the Libertarian Party, who said the "quick buck" is the major motivation behind drug trafficking. "Remove the profit motive and you remove the major force behind dealing."

Americans currently spend \$160 billion annually on drugs, according to Cain, who said removing profits would also effectively eliminate pushers, crack houses, corruption, gangs and bloodshed.

Hampton and the Libertarian Party support "re-legalization" of drugs. Prior to 1913, there was no nationwide prohibition, he said.

Joel Levisse, 22, of Southfield, said drug use "should be a choice issue." Hampton agrees, so long as it does not impose on others. "People should be able to do what they want with their own bodies and property, but it interferes with others, then stamp on 'em," Hampton said.

A 34-year-old Southfield businessman who owns a chain of auto service centers, said the current crack-down on drugs is "a racist policy that attacks our poorest people in society."

"I agree with (Thomas) Jefferson. Government that governs best is government that governs least," the businessman said, asking his name not be used.

In his treatise, Cain outlines steps for legalizing drugs, beginning with marijuana and moving to other drugs. He recommends close monitoring at each step.

"Drug legalization is inevitable and the wisest course we can take at this time. I think it is safe to say that our work is cut out for us."

Program curbs auto thefts

HEAT, an anti-auto theft program sponsored by the state insurance industry, has helped police officers receive \$152,670 in automobiles and auto parts in the first two months of this year, according to a recent study.

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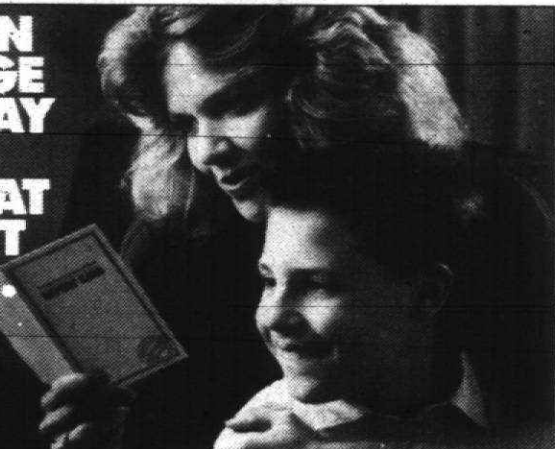
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Movies

Schools should review policy

WE SYMPATHIZE with the Canton family whose child died by hanging himself after watching a movie in school that showed two attempted suicides, but we don't want to see that given as a reason for banning material in schools.

We're afraid the death of Stephen Nalepa will prompt groups to put pressure on schools to shelve the movie "Nobody's Useless" and possibly the book, "The Great Brain," which the movie is based on.

The movie's distributor pulled the movie from use after the Nalepa family questioned whether their 8-year-old son was influenced by the movie.

We suspect that could happen, and that makes it a tough issue for schools to face. The biggest question is: Because one child possibly killed himself after seeing the movies, should it be banned?

It's easy to argue that the life of one child is worth more than the rights of teachers to use material in classrooms. We would agree that the life of Stephen Nalepa is worth more than the showing of a movie in a classroom.

Stephen had many years in front of him, years during which he would have been a productive American. But we won't get a chance to see what Stephen would have done with his life and artistic talent that showed up in his drawings.

THERE'S A CHANCE he could have been a great artist or a designer.

But to accomplish that, he would have had to be exposed to ideas and concepts. And to deny any child access to the materials is to cut them off from the world.

That's what school districts are doing when they restrict access to materials.

Children should be able to read "The Great Brain."

But while we agree with the free flow of information to children, we question the policy of the Plymouth-Canton schools on the use of movies in the classroom.

Certain material is appropriate for certain age groups, and in the Nalepa case, the movie "The Great Brain" was recommended for fourth through ninth grades. Nalepa was in the second grade.

We think the Plymouth-Canton schools should take a look at its policy governing movies.

We would hope that such a review wouldn't turn into a witch hunt, but if the district doesn't clean its own house, we're afraid Citizens for Better Education will take a crack at it.

CBE is the group of Christian fundamentalists that is critical of movies shown in classrooms.

We suspect that if CBE members or fellow travelers are elected to the school board in the June election, there will be a witch hunt. We also suspect that the CBE will step up its pressure on the school district in the wake of the Nalepa case.

We are opposed to censorship in the schools and we urge the school district to hold its ground on banning any material outright. However, at the same time the district should be more sensitive to the concerns of parents.

That's a tough tightrope for the district to walk. But we think it should give it a try. A review of the district's movie policy is a good first step.

FOIA assault

Bill would create caste system

MICHIGAN LEGISLATORS are about to compound an error they made last year in tinkering with one of the sunshine laws, the Freedom of Information Act.

A single company bullied lawmakers into passing an exemption to the FOIA that would make secret the records any company submitted to the Workers' Compensation Bureau in support of its application for self-insured status. Its unsupported alibi was that the information was "sensitive." Certain injury forms also were exempted in PA 104 of 1989.

BUT WAIT! Now the state Senate has decided it went too far and is rewriting the exemption. But instead of repealing the bad law, Senate Bill 240 would allow only Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan to have access to the injury forms.

It's like a page out of George Orwell's satirical novel "Animal Farm" in which the pigs declare: "All animals are created equal, but some are more equal than others."

Until now, a guiding principle of our open records law has been that public information is available to the public, period. Senate Bill 240, however, sets up a caste system. The "Blues" are in the favored caste. The rest of us are left out.

Sponsor Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, guided this bill through his Senate Human Resources Committee. The proper forum would have been the Judiciary Committee, whose members are better attuned to assaults on the sunshine law. It passed the Senate.

In the House, SB 240 went through the Labor Committee, not Judiciary. At this writing, SB 240 is on the House calendar. It should be junked, and so should PA 104 which it would amend.

Hiding public records was bad enough, but piggybacking opening them up to one caste is even worse.

School materials

Screen them but don't censor

THE TRAGIC hanging death of an 8-year-old Canton Township boy March 24 has touched off a nerve among parents all over southeastern Michigan and caused reverberations in public schools as well.

The question on everybody's mind? Did the film "Nobody's Useless" — which has two fairly graphic scenes depicting unsuccessful suicide attempts and which Stephen Nalepa and his second grade classmates at Gallimore Elementary School viewed the day before his death — play a role in the incident?

The boys' parents feel it did. School officials and the film's distributor, Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corp., say it didn't. They point out that the movie, which focuses on positive ways to deal with physical disabilities, has been shown to hundreds of thousands of children without incident since it was made in 1980. Nonetheless, the distributor took the movie off the market last week.

What, if anything, the film's showing had to do with Stephen's actions is a difficult question to answer, if it can be answered at all.

WE SUGGEST instead the community adopt a broader approach to the situation in its effort to prevent similar tragedies. Specifically, local schools and parents need to find ways to keep lines of communication as open as possible.

No, parents shouldn't have veto power over which materials are used in the classroom. Under the Michigan public education system, that's a job that residents delegate to school board members and professional educators.

But parents should (and in many local districts they do) have the right to review classroom materials and exclude their children to anything they find morally objectionable.

That means that school officials have an obligation to screen all classroom materials and inform parents of questionable material, something that Plymouth-Canton school officials admit wasn't done in this case.



A quick incident tells a society's sad story

THE WORLD is getting uncomfortably small.

This week fresh back from a stay at my favorite hideaway on Florida's Sanibel Island, I was shocked back to reality.

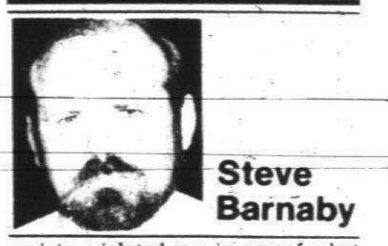
As a colleague and I pulled into the parking lot of a local hotel we heard the shouts, "you're under arrest, this is a drug raid, get down on the ground."

Looking up we saw four men, armed with M-16s and other assorted weapons running in our direction. It only took a few seconds to realize that an individual a few vehicles down the row was the target of their displeasure.

My colleague and I stood frozen, the safety of the hotel lobby seeming far, far away and our vehicles feebly substituting as armor from the potential of ricocheting bullets from high-powered assault weapons. A distant yet familiar feeling, not experienced since my combat days in Vietnam, swept over me.

"THIS COULD be trouble," I joked with myself. For me relieving the tension of combat was always through humor. It was nothing intentional, purely instinctive. I remember how shocked I was after the first time it happened more than 20 years ago. After all, nobody in the movies ever joked during combat.

It was only after the combat situation was completed that the more "normal" emotions came back, the



Resentment set in as I remembered that just miles away the President of the United States was in town, blindly campaigning for his party, unaware of the invasion that had just happened in my community.

Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

from our readers

Schools try taking over for parents

To the editor:

I am grieved and enraged at the death of this second grader who viewed a movie at school depicting two graphic suicide attempts. Yet, I am not surprised. The "Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education," presently being used in Plymouth-Canton schools, has enlightened me.

Apparently Gov. Blanchard (who wrote the foreword to the model) and the Michigan Department of Education feel it is their job to parent our children, not educate them.

The Michigan model for kindergarten has a section on sexual abuse, with films such as "Child Molestation," a section on relaxation techniques, and a lesson on death.

What child even knows what sex is at age 5? In light of what has happened, do you want your child watching the film "Child Molestation" at age 5? Five-year-olds can barely even relate to what day of the week it is. Sure, maybe one kid is experiencing abuse.

So in trying to ferret out that individual, the school system will rob many other youngsters of their innocence. I object to the school system taking on parental rights and territories. After all, death to a Buddhist, a humanist, and a Christian all have different meanings and significance. It sure cannot be taught in a neutral way. I think in their attempts to parent, the school is committing educational abuse. I hope the parents of this dead youngster get what they rightfully deserve — and likewise to the school.

Bobbie Cleary
Canton

Baby-sitter abused child

To the editor:

As a mother I feel I must respond to the March 26th "Crime Watch" section of your newspaper. The article was about a little boy forced to stay outside in the cold because he wet his pants at his baby-sitters.

How can this not be considered child abuse?

Not only am I furious with the baby-sitter, but what kind of parents would put their little 5-year-old in the care of such an abusive parent again, as it appeared they were going to.

What are these parents going to find next time, bruises, a broken bone or worse?

Jennifer Mielke
Canton

Margo Wallace,
Berkley

No mercy for young killers

To the editor:

I am fed up with the news we hear every day regarding youths and murders. The Tarr family was horrifying, and then Tammy Billips shot down while walking her dog. What exactly are our lawmakers doing to see these types of senseless murders stopped?

These so-called juveniles are put in detention centers, they are not being rehabilitated, and then put back into society to terrorize other innocent victims.

I'm sorry, but there is a big problem with the laws. The law makers are sending the message, it's okay, you're under 15, you'll be out in no time, go commit these crimes.

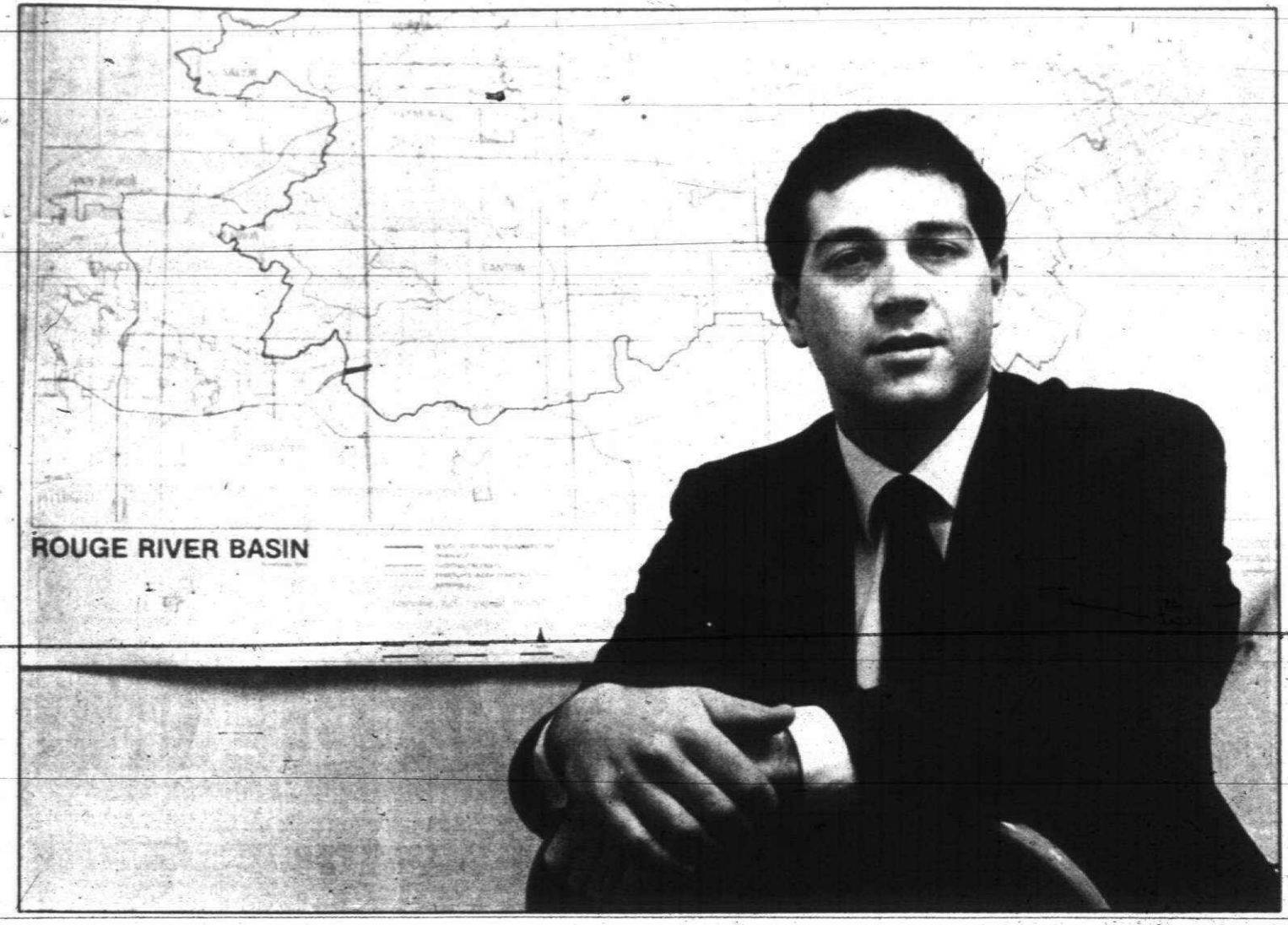
THE MESSAGE should be, "You will pay severely for your crimes. The punishment will fit the crime."

Where does it stop? Do the good, just citizens have to walk the streets looking over our shoulder to see who will shoot us down?

The father of Tammy Billips was right when he said, "You are saying their daughter's life is not as important as the person's that murdered her." That is a very scary thought that the lawmakers are more sensitive to the murderers than to the victims.

Jennifer Mielke
Canton

Margo Wallace,
Berkley



Larry Coogan, new director of Friends of the Rouge, is keeping his eyes on the big picture when it comes to cleaning the heavily polluted Rouge River.

Speakers nix charter change

Wayne County Commissioners said they wanted public comment on their plans to change the county executive's line of succession.

What they got from speakers at Tuesday's hearing at the Westland Friendship Center was a resounding no.

Roughly 25 of the 30 people who spoke criticized commission plans to change the eight-year-old county charter. A group of commissioners is proposing a new requirement that would temporarily fill a vacancy in the executive's post by commission appointment, rather than letting the appointed deputy executive automatically advance to the post — as is now specified under the charter.

But many speakers criticized the estimated \$2 million cost for a special election to amend the charter.

"WHEN WE talk about improvements to our quality of life, those numbers aren't there," said Joseph Benyo of Westland, liaison to the Westland City Council.

Others called the proposed change unnecessary.

"Any charter is an almost sacred document. It shouldn't be changed unless there's a compelling reason," said longtime League of Women Voters member Christine Sullivan of Dearborn Heights. "In short, if it isn't broke, don't fix it."

Deputies union president Don Cox, speaking on behalf of all county unions, also said he opposed the amendment.

"Let's face it, we're competing for that \$2 million," Cox said.

Those who support the amendment include the 15th District and Metro Wayne Democratic clubs and state Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City.

Commissioners Kay Beard, D-Inkster, Arthur Blackwell and Bernard Kilpatrick, both Democrats of Detroit, conducted hearings on the proposed charter amendment, which they support. A second hearing was held Wednesday in Detroit.

While speakers generally opposed any change, several expressed a slight preference for a competing amendment proposed by Commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne.

Under Mack's proposal, the executive and deputy would run as a team — as do the governor and lieutenant governor.

"I think this proposal is simpler, costs less and is more democratic," said Mack, whose district includes Canton.

A spokesman for County Executive Edward McNamara said after the meeting that the executive favors the status quo — and is willing to spend his own campaign money to preserve it.

"Our feeling is that it should remain as it is," said assistant county executive Bryan Amann. "As for the Mack proposal, I suppose we could live with that, but we'd make defeating the Beard-Blackwell proposal a priority."

Though criticized in some quarters as a move springing from political ambition, veteran commissioner Beard said the proposal came about as a result of long standing concerns.

"Many of us were unhappy with this part of the charter when it was drafted," said Beard, whose district includes Westland and Garden City.

The commissioners said the change would allow the new executive to be someone who had met approval with at least a portion of county voters before advancing to the post.

Marshmallows, mud to fly at annual county parks events

MORE THAN 100 people attended the hearing, with the audience spilling over into a hallway. Most speakers were from downriver and western Wayne communities.

Several speakers criticized the hearing format — in which panelists Beard, Blackwell and Kilpatrick questioned speakers after their comments — calling the questioning of speakers intimidating and combative.

"I'm very disappointed with the way this hearing has been conducted," said Noraele Bowman of Livonia, a former candidate for Schoolcraft College trustee.

Beard, however, said the hearing was conducted as a meeting of the special committee investigating the ballot question. "This is the way committee meetings are conducted," she said.

The Great Marshmallow Drop and Mud Day, two popular children's events, are returning to the Wayne County Parks this month.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area, near Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, at 11 a.m. Friday, April 13. Children rush to collect marshmallows — and redeem them for a prize-filled egg. The rain date is Saturday, April 14.

Mud Day, 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, is presented in association with Tubs and Tumblers Coin Laundries.

A large mud field will be created at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area for children of all ages.

The event concludes with the crowning of Mr. and Ms. Mud — the modest children attending the event.

Children are advised to wear their oldest clothing. Shoes are a must. Participants should also bring a towel and clean clothes for the trip home.

A changing area will be provided near the site. Participants will be given a plastic bag to carry their muddy clothes home. Tubs and Tumblers will hand out discount coupons at the site.

If temperatures fall below 50 degrees, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, June 9.

Because parking is limited, parents are asked to car pool for each event.

Additional information is available by calling 261-1990.

New director planning big

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Youthful and energetic, new Friends of the Rouge director Larry Coogan has ambitious plans for the area environmental group.

He's working toward making the 1990 Rouge Rescue, scheduled for Saturday, June 2, the most successful ever — with a goal of more than 3,000 participants.

He's working toward further expansion of the Rouge River high school education program — which has already grown from 16 to 52 schools in its four years of operation.

And he's working toward creating an elementary school education program — making an ever-younger group of students aware of the effect pollution has on their lives.

But all three objectives — especially the latter two — take money.

"ONE OF the primary things I've been doing lately is fund raising," said Coogan, who officially became Friends of the Rouge director in December, after coordinating ground activities since last July.

An attorney specializing in environmental law, and former director of the Melvindale parks and recreation system, the downriver native boasts a lifelong involvement with the Rouge.

Before becoming director, he served on the Friends of the Rouge board since the first cleanup in 1986.

"I remember walking along the Rouge as a child and thinking, 'Why can't this river be as clean as the ones up north?'" Coogan said.

Working toward that long ago goal, Coogan is lining up sponsors, both for cleanup sites and school programs.

"We'd more than welcome any group that wants to sponsor a cleanup site," he said.

Westland is among the communities joining the cleanup for 1990, joining such past participants as Livonia, Farmington Hills, Birmingham and Canton, among others.

Corporations and environmental groups have also sponsored past cleanups.

"We'd love to have a homeowners group come to us," Coogan said.

Corporate and individual sponsors are sought for the \$1,400 adopt-a-school program.

The fourth Friends of the Rouge director in five years, Coogan acknowledges continuity has been a problem.

"I feel we have established ourselves, we have very good ties to such corporate sponsors as Ford Motor Company, TV-2 and Waste Management," he said. "But we have to establish ourselves further."

Educating youngsters about the dangers of pollution, especially as it

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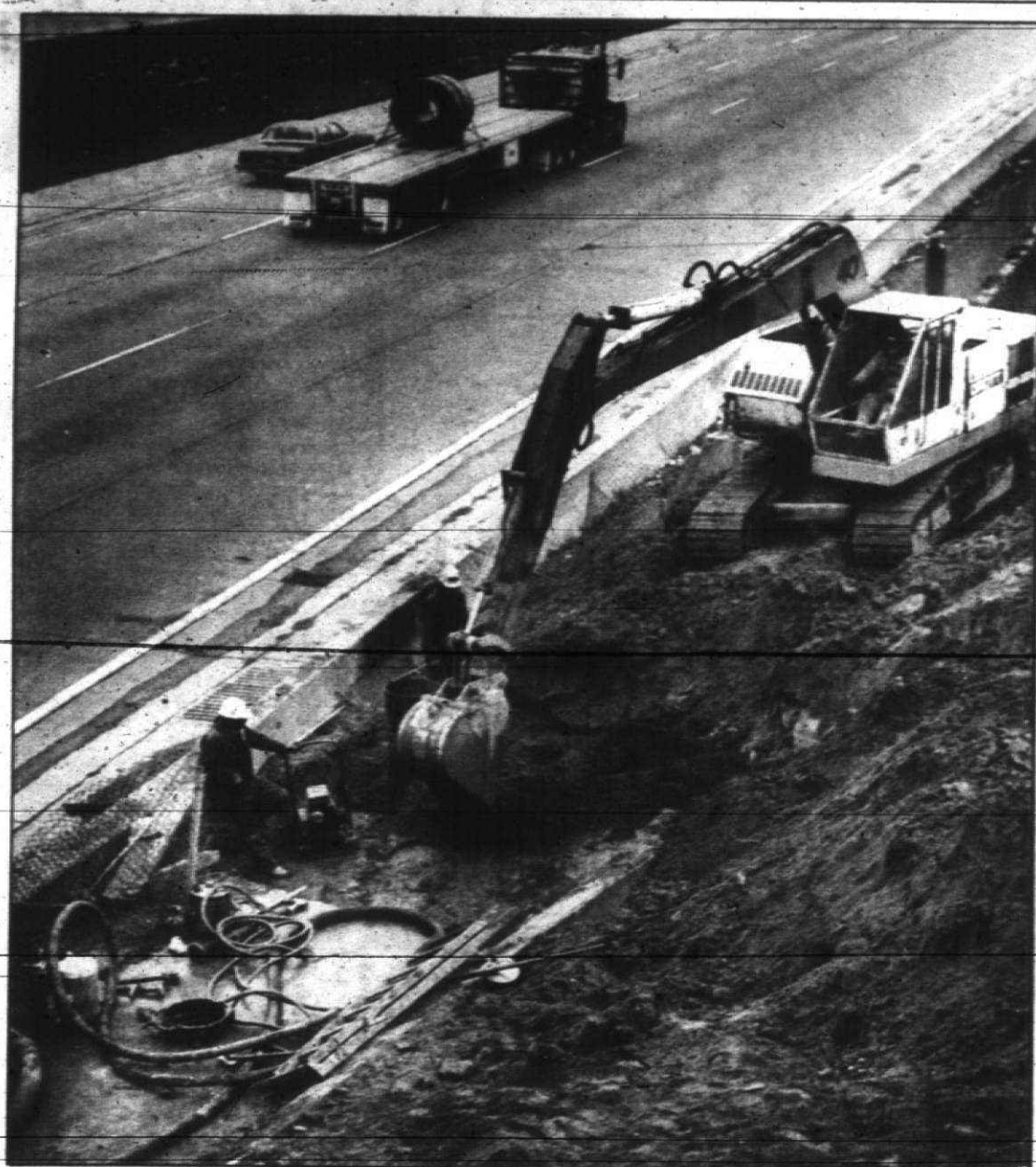
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Workers from Buckeye Pipeline and Marine Pollution Control complete work on a petroleum pipeline. A leak was discovered Friday morning after nearby residents complained of odors. The offending pipeline was at Haggerty and M-14.



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District to build storage structure

Plymouth-Canton school board members have unanimously approved a bid for \$19,700 from Robert Van Kampen last week to build a storage/maintenance building at Centennial Educational Park. Van Kampen was the low bidder among eight companies. The district has budgeted \$165,000 for the project. The district for years has lacked a storage facility," said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business. "When we start replacing furniture we'll need to store our junk furniture. We're looking forward to having that space." District architect Erick Carne and the administration recommended approval. Funds for the building will come from the \$13 million bond issue approved by voters in 1986. REGARDING OTHER expenditures, Carne informed school officials that per their request, he has priced a clock for the administration building tower. For clocks that would face east, north and west, the cost would be \$12,100. A single clock that would face Ann Arbor Trail would cost \$6,300, according to bids from National Time and Signal Co. The backlit clocks would be 6 feet in diameter with electrical power and exterior framing. Included would be a steel service ladder and platform. Carne said the clock "would be a handsome and useful addition to the building."

military news

NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT STEPHEN D. THARP, son of Larry D. Tharp of Canton has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command/Naval Training Center, San Diego. Tharp is a 1988 graduate of Garden City High School. AIR FORCE AIRMAN RONALD M. WOUNAR has arrived for duty in West Germany. He is an apprentice avionics systems specialist with the 59th Aircraft Generation Squadron. Wounar is the son of Ronald J. and Carlene Wojnar of Canton and is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS GILBERT M. ALFARO, son of Gilbert Alfaro of Canton, recently returned to Mayport, Fla., after completing a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean while serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay. Alfaro is a 1980 graduate of St. Alphonse High School in Dearborn and joined the Navy in June 1984. AIRMEN 1ST CLASS MICHAEL R. LINACRE has graduated from the U.S. Air Force weather specialist course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. He was an honor graduate of the course. Linacre is the son of George H. and Linda S. Linacre of Sault Ste. Marie. His wife, Teresa, is the daughter of Timothy C. Smith of Plymouth and Bette M. McCune of Grand Rapids. The airman is a 1987 graduate of Sault Area High School. SGT. KEITH H. APPLING has been decorated with the fourth award of the Army Achievement Medal in Belgium. Appling is an administrative specialist with the 39th Signal Battalion. He is the son of Mary F. Appling of Palm Springs, Calif. His wife, Denise, is the daughter of Andrew and Linda Siuako of Plymouth. The sergeant is a 1983 graduate of Canton High School. SPEC. JO ANNA HANNUM has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany. Hannum is a tactical satellite/microwave systems operator with the 51st Signal Battalion. She is the daughter of Alan L. Prince of Canton and the wife of Army Spec. David B. Hannum. The specialist is a 1985 graduate of Salem High School.

Hotel offers free earrings to brides

Plymouth's Mayflower Hotel hopes to attract more Friday night wedding receptions by offering engaged couples diamonds. The Meeting House is such a popular location for wedding receptions that Saturday nights got booked solid early, said Cecron Smith, general manager of the hotel. Because of that, the Mayflower is trying to encourage couples to consider a Friday bridal reception by giving the couple a 30-point set of diamond earrings that the bride can wear on the wedding day, said Smith. The diamonds will come with an appraisal certificate. The offer is valid after March 30 to anyone who books a Friday wedding reception.



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Model train group sets convention

Division Six of the North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association will host a regional convention April 20-22 at the Holiday Inn at 1-275 and Six Mile in Livonia. The convention will feature 30 layout tours, modeling clinics, and a model and photo contest. Registration for Vista Dome '90 will open 3 p.m. Friday. Some layout tours and clinics will be available that evening. Saturday will feature modeling clinics 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the model and photo contests, and more layout tours. An awards brunch will be held Sunday morning with additional layout tours open until 5 p.m. the final day. Clinicians are members of Division Six, the NCR, and some well-respected individuals such as Jim Hediger of Model Railroader magazine and Jim Six who made his mark in model railroading. All layout tours are self-guided. A map of their locations and visiting times will be included in the visitation packet. The charge is \$28 for the convention only, \$40 for the full convention including the awards brunch, and a Saturday-only pass for \$15. The brunch is \$13 if bought separately.

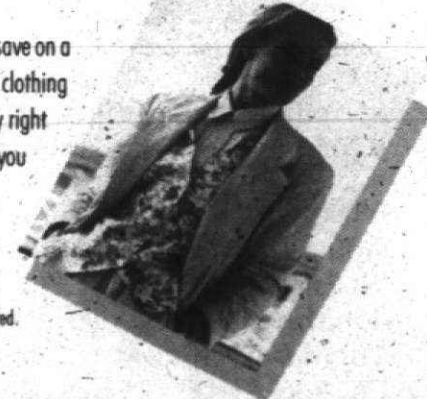
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A woman on her third day at the Party Bridge Club came up to club co-director Dorothy Shaffer and said, "I love this group. I wish I would've come before."

Shaffer understood the woman's feelings, she said.

"Friendship is a plus to the enjoyment of the game."

The Party Bridge Club meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Members play 1-4 p.m., but some people come before that to socialize, Shaffer said.

THE CLUB was established about 20 years ago by Chuck Skene, director of the cultural center, Shaffer said.

"He thought it would provide a good thing for the community because it was not restricted to any age group nor to any degree of excellence in the game," Shaffer said.

Margaret Swartz, the original director, was the director for 11 years. When she retired as director six years ago, Shaffer and her husband, Boyd Shaffer, became co-directors.

Although the club has about 70 members, the number of active members varies with the season, Shaffer said.

"Many are in Florida for the winter, but it's starting to trickle back," she said.

The age of the players also varies. Some members are in their 30s while others are in their 80s, Shaffer said.

INTEREST IN the game is increasing, although the club is not reflecting it, Shaffer said.

When the club was formed, the number of others in the area was limited, she said.

"Now, there are bridge groups all around us because it has become such a popular thing. This could be a factor in our attendance. People tend to belong to groups in their community."

The Party Bridge Club is always interested in finding new members. Anyone interested can drop by the cultural center or call 455-6620.

"People can come if they are alone. They don't need a partner, which makes it very enjoyable."



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New law gives state board more power over schools

By Tim Richard staff writer

The State Board of Education has new powers to oversee local school districts under a law signed by Gov. James J. Blanchard.

In an extreme case, the state may send in a special administrator to run a school that fails to meet the State Board's accreditation standards for three years — or even close it.

The State Board also is empowered to draw up a "model core curriculum" that must be used by kindergarten-through-12th-grade districts.

"Tough new standards are needed if our children are to receive the education they need to succeed in the work place of tomorrow," Blanchard said as he signed House Bill 4009 into law.

"It also requires schools to develop improvement plans and issue annual education report cards."

THE HOUSE voted 74-3 in favor of final passage. Voting no were Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and two out-state members.

High schools will be allowed to hire non-certified teachers for such specialized courses as computer science, a foreign language, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics and robotics where certified teachers are unavailable.

The non-certified teacher would need a college degree and work experience in the subject area.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS could forfeit a portion of their state aid if they fail to make annual reports.

Districts receiving no state aid (out of formula) would be eligible for incentive grants if they do well.

Where a school fails to earn state accreditation for three consecutive years, the state superintendent can appoint a special administrator at local district expense until state standards are met.

Meanwhile, a parent or guardian

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— Gov. James Blanchard

THE STATE board within 90 days is to provide model school improvement plans and core curricula.

Each year local districts will be required to publish reports on:

- The accreditation status of each school.
- The status of three-to-five-year improvement plans.
- The core curriculum and its variances from the state model.
- Reports, by school, on student competency tests, along with comparisons with the previous year.
- The number and percentage of parents or legal guardians who participate in parent-teacher conferences at all levels — elementary, middle and high school.

The new act combines features of many bills sponsored by Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature.

The final measure was sponsored by Rep. James O'Neill, D-Saginaw. Among co-sponsors were area Reps. Justine Barnes, D-Westland, William Keith, D-Garden City, and James Kosteva, D-Canton.

may move a child to an accredited school.

Or the state may close the offending school.

KEY INGREDIENTS are the annual reports and improvement plans, an entirely new element in Michigan.

"School board members, school building administrators, teachers and other school employees, pupils, parents of pupils attending that school and other residents of the school district shall participate" in drawing up the improvement plan, the law says.

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A new Michigan law protecting the buyers of businesses from undue reliance on the seller's representation of liabilities took effect April 1.

It requires the business seller to provide essential payroll and unemployment insurance tax information to the buyer before the offer is accepted.

"The seller must disclose certain Michigan Employment Security Commission tax information to the buyer including any outstanding liability, data needed to project future tax payments and lists of current employees and those laid off in the past year," said Thomas S. Malek, MESC deputy director.

"The seller must provide the required information of an MESC form at least two days prior to the acceptance of the offer."

The MESC disclosure form is available by calling MESC's Customer Service Office toll-free 1-800-638-3894.

In general, the buyer of a business becomes liable for the seller's unemployment taxes and any interest due MESC. Previously, business owners were often surprised when they received tax rate notices from MESC after buying a business.

"In many cases, the rate notice was not only higher than what was expected, but employers were also not told of recent employee separations and accompanying potential benefit charges, outstanding tax liabilities or outstanding penalty and interest assessments," Malek said.

The disclosure obligation extends to the seller (or other transferor), the transferor's real estate broker, other agent or attorney. The disclosure requirement was included in a package of 14 unemployment insurance reform bills signed into law in December 1989 by Gov. James J. Blanchard.

Madonna auction tops \$200,000

Steve Yzerman may be the current star, but Gordie Howe is still the Detroit Red Wings' all-time fan favorite — at least according to the Madonna College auction.

A hockey jersey signed by Howe brought in \$950 during the March 31 auction's competitive sport memorabilia bidding. A jersey signed by Yzerman brought \$600.

In all, the Livonia-based liberal arts college raised \$202,015 — exceeding its \$200,000 fund-raising goal.

Director seeks new Rouge programs

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test for 6th to 8th grade students is currently under way, with entries due Tuesday, May 1.

Other Rouge events include:

- A student-teacher science conference, Saturday, April 7 at West Middle School, Plymouth.
- A Rouge River "Earth Day" display, Sunday, April 22 at the Western Wayne County conservation Association, 6700 Napier, Plymouth Township.
- An after school student bus tour of Rouge sites, Thursday April 26.

• The annual student water monitoring program, May 7-18. (A social studies program runs May 7-11.)

• The fourth annual Rouge River student congress, Friday, May 19.

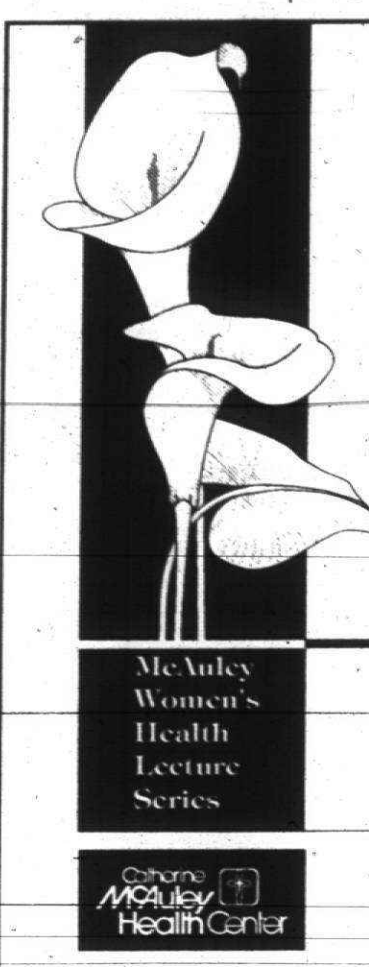
More information on Rouge events is available by calling 427-1234 or writing Friends of the Rouge, 12763 Stark, Suite 103, Livonia 48150.

County sponsors pilot recycling project

Wayne County, a pair of recycling companies and a local supermarket chain are conducting a pilot recycling program for plastic containers.

Danny's Markets at 17200 Farmington Road, Livonia, and 250 N. Main, Plymouth, areas are accepting clean plastic bottles and containers.

Customers are invited to fill out a questionnaire regarding their opinions on recycling.



Fibrocystic Breast Conditions: Information For Women With Breast Lumps

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Dems face utility tax decisions

By Tim Richard staff writer

House Democrats in Lansing must decide what price they want to pay for Senate Republican passage of a 5 percent utility tax for the city of Detroit.

"Some sort of package has to be worked out if this bill is going anywhere," Sen. Norm Shinkle, R-Monroe, chair of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, warned recently.

Meanwhile, Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, held the GOP line by arguing there was "no urgency" to pass the utility tax, which is earmarked for 1,000 police salaries. Cruce said Detroit Mayor Coleman Young "prefers to pay for Uzi machine guns and bulletproof shields on his patio."

And Detroit councilmembers prefer new cars for themselves, over keeping police on the payroll.

In the middle of it, Sen. Richard Fessler, R-Commerce, incurred the wrath of his caucus by siding with Democrats in an unsuccessful bid to force the Detroit tax out of Shinkle's committee.

THE PRICES the GOP will demand could be either passage by a Democrat-controlled House of a Senate-passed bill to repeal the inheritance tax (SB 1) or support of a GOP property tax relief measure.

Wayne Circuit Judge Marvin Stempien last month declared that Detroit's 5 percent tax on local telephone, natural gas, electricity and steam bills had expired in mid-1989.

If his ruling stands, Detroit would have to refund \$100 million of past collections and lose \$60 million a year in future collections.

As lawmakers argued Tuesday, Stempien extended into April his deadline for legislative re-enactment of the tax.

IN FARMINGTON Hills, Richard Headlee, the insurance executive whose name is on the Headlee tax limitation amendment, declared the Legislature lacks power to reinstate the tax.

"Only the people of Detroit can decide with a majority vote whether the 5 percent utility users tax will be legally reinstated," he said through a publicist. "The state constitution is not negotiable."

Headlee contends that because the tax expired, the restoration bill is a new tax; hence subject to a popular vote under the Headlee amendment.

Detroit's attorneys, however, say it's an extension of a tax passed eight years before the Headlee amendment.

On the Senate floor, Cruce said the tax isn't needed because Detroit's leadership could find the lost \$60 million somewhere in its \$1.3 billion general fund budget. "The administration plays a shell game by taking money out of the general fund and supplementing it with this utility tax," Cruce said.

SENATE DEMOCRATS failed on an 18-17 vote to force Shinkle's panel to discharge House Bill 5495, authorizing the utility tax.

All Republicans but Fessler voted no. All Democrats but maverick Gil DiNello of East Detroit voted yes. Three members were absent.

"I made a commitment six or seven weeks ago I would support getting it on the floor," Fessler said in a cloakroom interview. "It would have a severe impact on law enforcement in Detroit (if not passed)."

He said he took heat in the GOP caucus, which met behind closed doors for more than three hours, for his position.

SENATE MAJORITY leader John Engler, the probable GOP gubernatorial candidate, told reporters "other members are unhappy" that Fessler introduced two property tax relief bills Tuesday and, with Democratic support, won immediate consideration of them without going through the Finance Committee.

"He (Fessler) did it on his own today," Engler said.

In the cloakroom, Fessler denied he supported the Democrats' utility tax in return for immediate consideration of his property tax bills.

Fessler's SB 895 and 896 would give homeowners and farmers, regardless of income, income tax relief for future school property tax increases greater than the rate of consumer price inflation. The state treasury estimates the cost at \$50 million a year.

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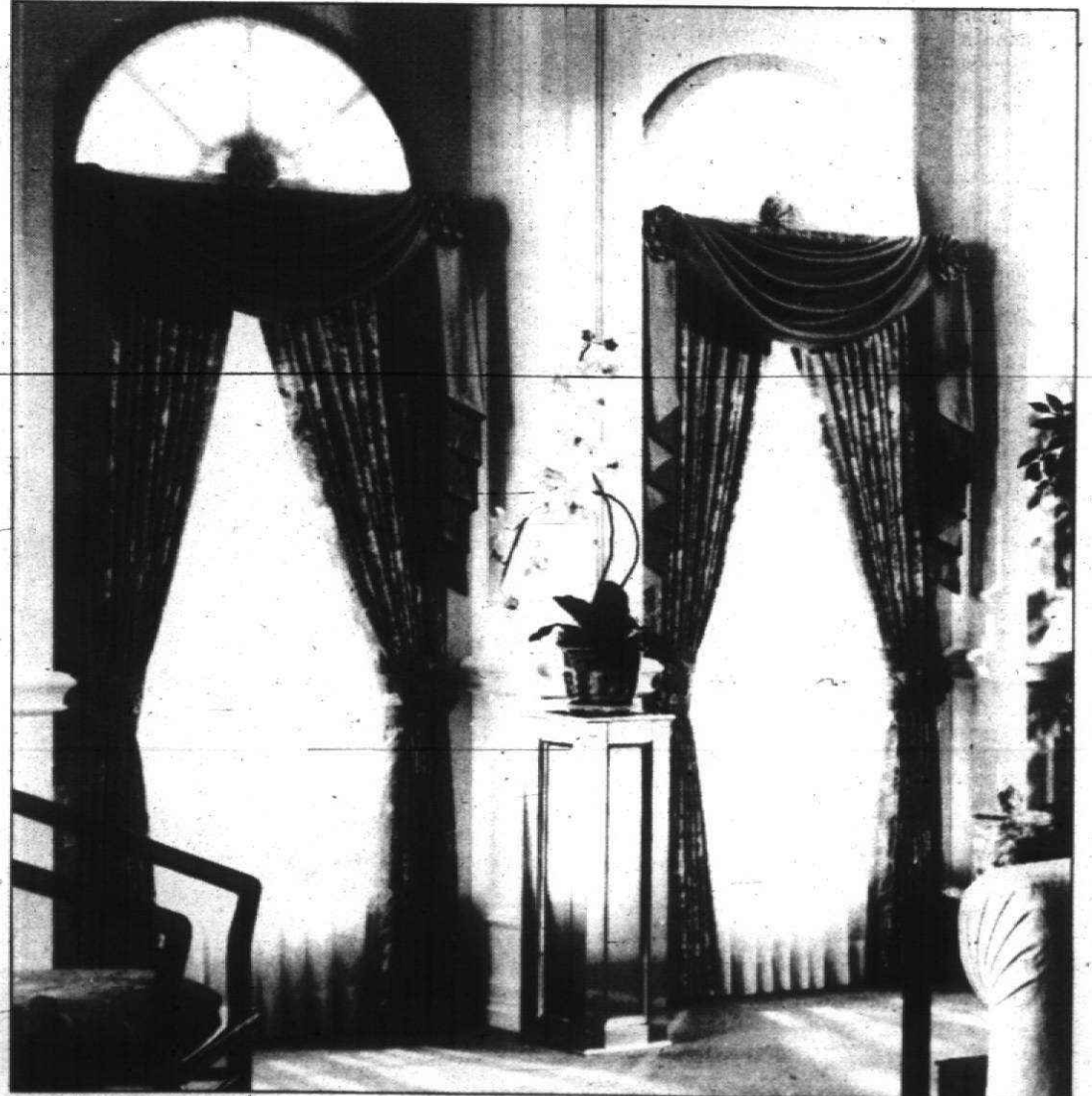
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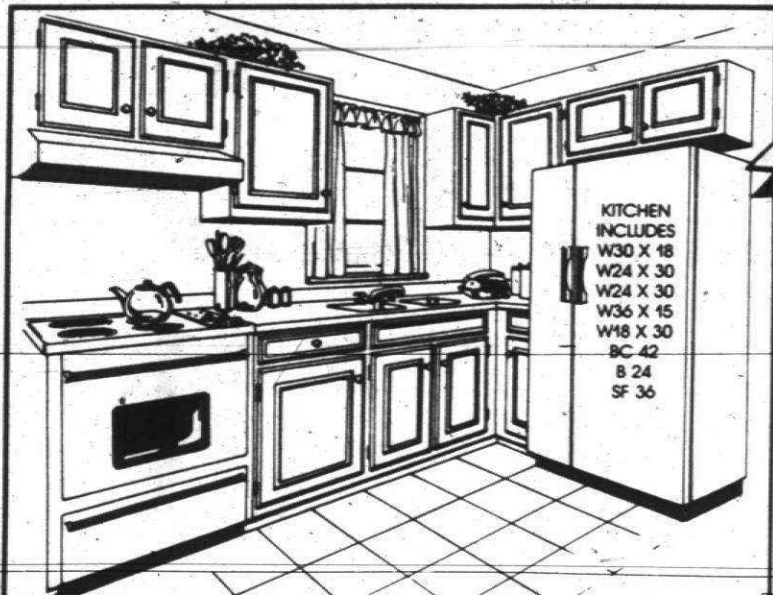


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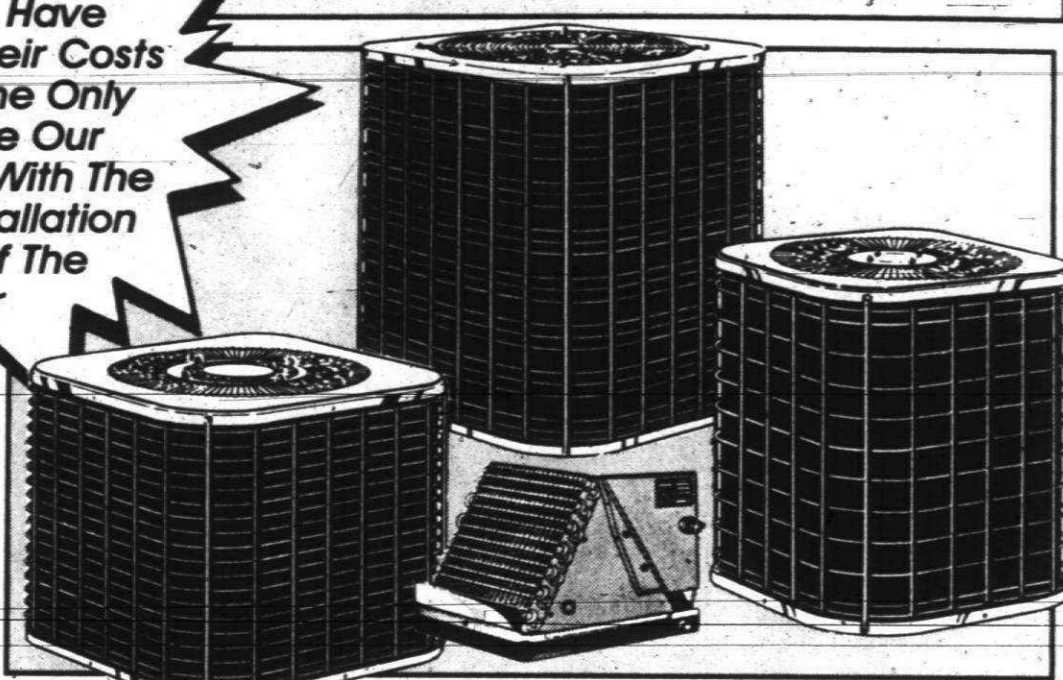
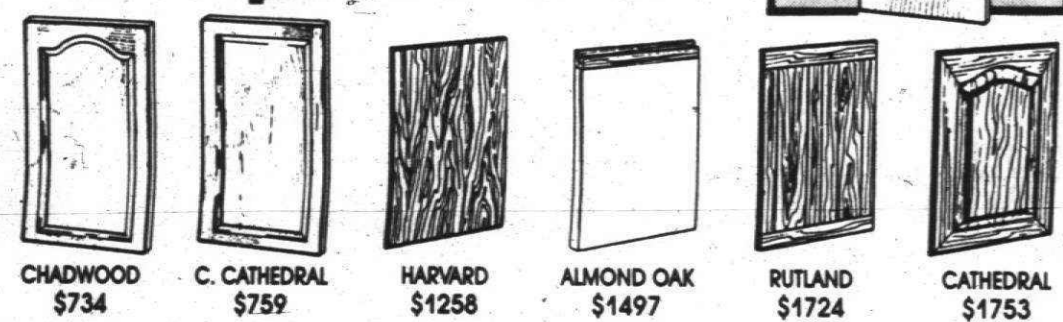


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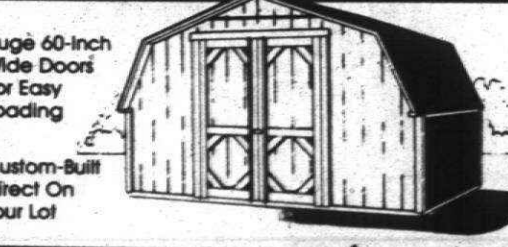
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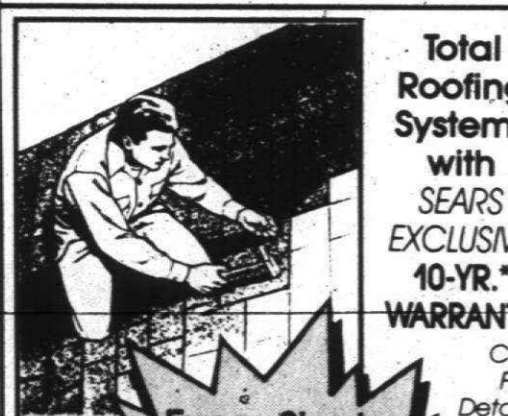
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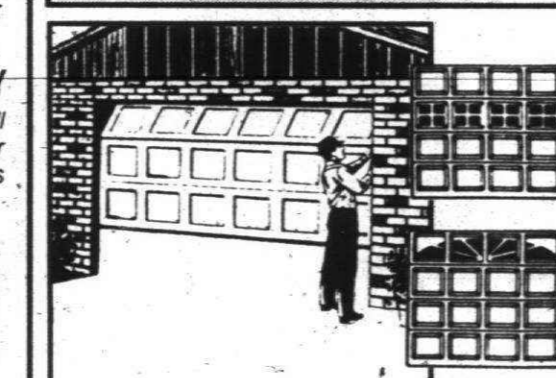


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A: To save money. In your particular district the cost of 20 teachers receiving an \$18,000 retirement bonus will cost \$360,000. The board and administration plan to hire 15 new teachers at starting salaries of \$23,000 to replace the retirees. Three positions will not be replaced. Therefore, the cost of the 15 new teachers is \$345,000. Simple math shows a savings of \$5,000 in the first year.

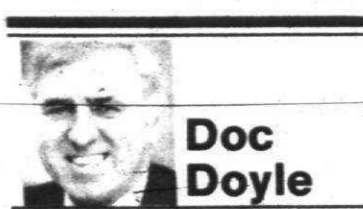
In your case, the savings grow each year until the new teachers reach the maximum salary level. Look at the second year. The new teachers in your district will be paid about \$25,000. The cost of those 15 teachers will be \$375,000 in the second year.

Had the 20 teachers not retired the cost to the district would be approximately \$920,000. The district will save \$545,000 the second year.

Even assuming five of the 20 teachers who were eligible for retirement do not retire the district would still save \$315,000 in the second year alone. So, in most cases, the bonus is not a benevolent gesture by a school district but a sound business decision — one in which both the district and retiring teacher benefit.

However, I have also known some school districts drawn into retirement plans that were fine for teachers but cost the district lots of money.

For instance, one district many years ago, gave a pay out from age 55 to 62 for about \$4,000 a year. Declining enrollment set in and no new teachers were hired. Lay offs went back to 10 years of seniority. Now you have a situation where money was going out to the retirees yet no



Doc Doyle
money was saved because no new teachers were needed. And when teachers were called back they were at the top of the salary schedule.

In this case a teacher making \$45,000 in his/her retirement year would receive a bonus of \$8,000 only to be replaced by a recalled teacher who will earn \$45,000.

Business wise, the plan only works if a district is losing their highest paid teachers and must hire new teachers at the lowest end of the pay scale.

Other benefits of the buy-out system include hiring "fresh teachers" who are the youth of our nation. Yet, some will say, we're losing experience by enticing people to retire

By Kay Beard
special writer

WAYNE COUNTY citizens may soon be able to vote on a ballot question to amend — and improve — their County Home Rule Charter for the third time since its adoption in 1981.

This new ballot question would ask whether or not a special election should be held, if there is ever a vacancy during a county executive's regular four-year term, as a result of resignation, recall, permanent incapacity, or death.

I do not really expect there to be a mid-term vacancy in the office of county executive in the foreseeable future. But it is possible at some point in the years ahead, so a responsible transition process should be in place.

At present, the charter does not allow the voters to elect a successor in a timely manner if this office is vacated. Instead an appointee, the dep-

through buy-out plans. It depends on one's point of view and, of course, the competency of the teacher who leaves his/her age.

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler exist to make money, yet all have buy-out plans to save the company and supposedly the consumer money. Little is ever said about their buy-out plans unless it's an obscene "golden parachute" for a top level executive. Yet, concern of the perceptions of citizens who pay school taxes often inhibits school administrators from considering retirement plans that could save the district money.

Any district considering a retirement buy-out plan should conduct some indepth research first.

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Fallout from Ratgate

THE SPECTER of ethics has raised its ugly head again — this time in Rochester Hills. Hills Council President Betty Adamo, who first started talking about the subject during the election campaign last year, wants to study the possibility of an ethics ordinance covering city officials.



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I don't think so. I think the real problem is that the people pushing for ethics laws are well-intentioned but misguided. They are, in effect, attempting to legislate morality. It's been tried over and over and it just can't be done.

So far that's all it is — a proposal to study the feasibility of such a law. And Adamo says it's only coincidental that she brought the subject up at a time when another Hills councilman, Ed Baron, is at the center of a controversy that has been dubbed "Ratgate."

Whether Adamo's timing has anything to do with the Baron affair doesn't really matter. But what the councilman is accused of doing is clearly unethical behavior. The question is: did he do anything illegal?

The Oakland County Prosecutor's office is conducting its own investigation to try to determine that. Presumably if the prosecutor decides that Baron broke any laws, some kind of action will be taken. If not, the matter likely will be dropped, at least as far as the prosecutor is concerned.

Meanwhile, Adamo's proposal is already getting mixed reaction. Hills Mayor Billie Ireland likes the idea, but a couple of other councilmen are

skeptical. They say an ethics ordinance just isn't necessary.

ADAMO IS testing the waters a bit more cautiously than West Bloomfield Supervisor Sandra Draur did a couple of months ago when she proposed a similar law for that township.

Draur's plan would have set up an ethics board to work independently of the township board to enforce an ethics ordinance.

The reaction to that proposal was deafening. "Police state tactics" one township trustee called it. An editorial writer asked who would "wear the powdered wigs, sacred robes and serve on this committee?"

Draur's plan appears to have died of self-inflicted wounds. And in Detroit, where "ethics" and "public officials" often seems to be a contradiction in terms, the city council is getting ready to disband the ethics task force it convened a month ago.

That group was supposed to recommend guidelines for an ethics

code for elected officials, but the whole issue just got to be too controversial.

SO WHAT does all this mean? Has ethical behavior gone out of fashion? Are we an amoral society determined to stick it to our neighbor before he can stick it to us?

I don't think so. I think the real problem is that the people pushing for ethics laws are well-intentioned but misguided. They are, in effect, attempting to legislate morality. It's been tried over and over and it just can't be done.

They want to do the right thing — and they want others to do the right thing — but they want to have what is "right" written down somewhere. That would make it easy to enforce ethical behavior, but it doesn't work that way.

The ethical and moral values of a given society are something apart from its system of laws. Laws can be legislated and enforced, ethics and morals cannot. Attempts to do so too often get out of hand.

We should expect and demand ethical behavior from our public officials and ourselves. But we can't make it happen by passing laws. It just doesn't work that way.

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Should ballot fill county executive vacancy?

county executive, would automatically assume the office and hold it for up to two years, until the next regularly scheduled county election.

I BELIEVE that the office of county executive is too important to fill it by just shuffling an appointee upstairs. Furthermore, letting a county executive hand-pick an automatic successor would present a serious conflict, if the voters ever recalled whomever had been elected to that office.

Therefore, citizens ought to be able to consider all the candidates, and directly choose the one they consider best for Wayne County. The goal of the proposed ballot question is, very simply, to let the voters themselves decide whether or not they want this opportunity.

In 1981, when the County Home Rule Charter was drafted, a process was included to make it a living document, by allowing the people to vote on proposed changes. This has

already happened twice, when citizens adopted charter amendments to eliminate the separate drain commission and the road commission.

Both amendments made government more accountable — and both were resisted by special interests who felt their independent power threatened.

Similarly, there is opposition to the current ballot question.

Unfortunately, its opponents have tried to mislead the public about its consequences and divert attention from its goal — to let the voters elect a new county executive, if necessary. Much of their criticism has focused on a minor provision of the ballot question, which states that the commission would appoint a temporary county executive to keep ongoing projects on course for no more than 90 days — until a new county executive is elected by the people.

If indicated by testimony at the public hearings, we may modify or even eliminate — the provision

regarding the 90-day transition period, to ensure that attention is not diverted from our fundamental goal — a special election.

Ironically, the procedure initially proposed for transition was quite similar to current state law, which provides that the Commission makes a temporary appointment, to fill a vacancy which occurs in the first year of a Commissioner's two-year term. This appointee can only serve until voters choose a successor at a special election.

OPPOSITION of the ballot question have also complained that a special election is too costly. However, Michigan voters have traditionally favored direct participation in important decisions — even if it does mean paying for a special election. School and municipal millages, as well as candidates for school and city offices, are often voted on at times other than the regular August and November elections. Moreover,

special elections are required by state law if a mid-term vacancy occurs in certain state offices.

The manufactured objections to the proposed ballot question, along with efforts to misconstrue its intent, lead me to suspect that those who hope to benefit by the status quo are very uncomfortable about an open, competitive election.

Nevertheless, I strongly believe that the electoral process strengthens government — and keeps public officials responsive to the citizens they have an obligation to serve.

I urge Wayne County residents to insist on the opportunity to vote on whether to require a special election, if there is ever a mid-term vacancy in the county executive's office in the years to come.

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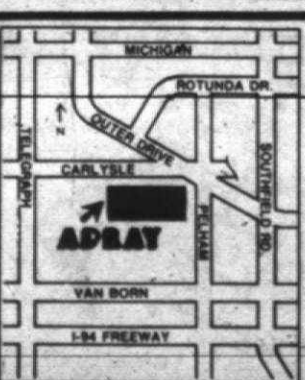
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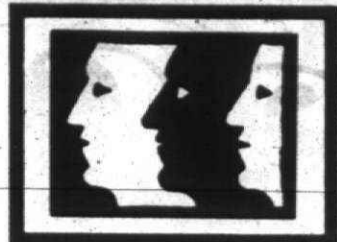
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SPRING: Fun awaits kids



There's no shortage of springtime activities planned for children.

Visiting a science camp, seeing a theatrical performance at the DIA or exploring at the Detroit Historical Museum are among the options available to kids and their families. Some activities are designed for students on spring break. What follows is just a sampling.

● Living Science

The Living Science Foundation has several spring break activities planned. A "Discovery Camp" for children ages 5-11, will be held Monday through Friday, April 16-20, at the foundation's headquarters in Novi. Sessions are 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Price is \$25 per session or \$115 for all five days. For more information, call 478-1999.

A "Science Sampler Camp" for children ages 5-11 will be offered through Bloomfield Hills Recreation Monday through Friday, April 16-20, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Sessions will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Price is \$44 per day. For more information, call Bloomfield Hills Recreation, 433-0885.

An "Animal Safari Camp" for children ages 5-11 will be offered Wednesday through Friday, April 18-20, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. Sessions will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Price is \$40 per day or \$100 for all three days. Extended day care will be available 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 646-8900.

Each day at camp will have a different theme with related activities planned.

● Detroit Youththeatre

In April, Detroit Youththeatre performances at the Detroit Institute of Arts will include a look at space exploration. Saturday, April 7, Kevin Reese of the California Theatre Center will relive the exhilaration of events leading to America's first moon launch.

In his "Apollo to the Moon" show, Reese portrays a young astronomer who dreams of becoming an astronaut. The multi-media production will include more than 100 photos, original downlink broadcasts from space, and music of the 1960s. The show, held on Boy Scout Salute Day, is recommended for children ages 8 and older.

April 14-21 Detroit Youththeatre will present 13 performances of "Snow White." Performances by Atlanta's Center for Puppetry Arts will combine life-sized rod puppets with an appearance by live actors. The Wiggle Club show is for children ages 3 and older.

Saturday, April 28, will include a presentation of "Two Weeks, Twice a Year," a play about a child who must adjust to divorce. The play's designed to help children articulate questions and feelings about divorce. The production is recommended for families or groups with children ages 7 and older.

All performances will be at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the DIA Auditorium, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Other than for Wiggle Club shows, no one younger than 5 will be admitted. Ticket prices are \$4, \$3 for groups of 10 or more. Mastercard and Visa phone charges are available weekdays. For ticket information, call 833-2323.

● Fun at JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit will hold "Spring Days" Wednesday through Friday, April 18-20, at the center, 6600 W. Maple, at Drake in West Bloomfield. Each day, kids in kindergarten through sixth grade will go on a different fun-filled adventure. Activities will include bowling, roller skating and a day with a magician. Children are to be dropped off at 9:30 a.m. and picked up at 3:30 p.m. Price is \$25 a day for members, \$30 for non-members. For more information, call 661-1000.

● Spring Farm Days

"Spring Farm Days" will be held Friday through Sunday, April 27-29, at the Firestone Farm at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Activities re-creating rural life of more than a century ago are planned.

Percheron draft horses Tim and Tom will be put to work plowing and harrowing to prepare the fields for planting. Seeds will be planted in the kitchen vegetable garden. In the village, visitors will encounter a city lady unaccustomed to the charms of country life.

At the farmhouse, visitors will learn how farm families dealt with such problems as an empty larder at winter's end. Visitors will learn about what life was like without indoor plumbing and other modern-day comforts. Barnyard activities and demonstrations are also planned.

Henry Ford Museum features acres of exhibits telling the story of America's industrial growth. Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are at Oakwood

Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission charges (separate for the museum and the village) are \$10.50 for adults, \$5.25 for children ages 5-12, free for children younger than 5, \$9.50 for senior citizens. Group rates are available. For more information, call 271-1620.

● Meadow Brook

Younger visitors may want to stop by the Knole Cottage at Meadow Brook Hall, off Adams Road south of University Drive on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. The Dodge heiress playhouse was built to mini-mansion scale and includes fine furnishings, a fireplace, a bathroom and a complete kitchen. The cottage is open (weather permitting) during Meadow

Brook Hall tour hours, Monday through Saturday by appointment and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Tours of Meadow Brook Hall, a Tudor manor house built by the late Matilda Dodge Wilson, are offered year-round in all kinds of weather. Group tours are offered daily year-round by appointment. For more information, call 370-3140.

● Detroit History

An "Early American Easter Egg Dyeing" workshop will be held 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward at Kirby, Detroit. The workshop is for those ages 6 and older. Participants will dye Easter eggs just as early Detroiters did, using everyday foods. Price is \$2. Advance registration is required. For more information, call Walter Weaver, 833-1263.

A cobblestone street lined with shops from 1840-

1900 is housed at the museum. Period clothing, furniture and automobiles are also exhibited. Group tours of the museum may be arranged by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Frederick Stubbs, Education Department, 5401 Woodward, Detroit 48202. Tours are for groups of 10 to 60 people.

Hours at the museum are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 833-1805.

● Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo is at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. It houses more than 1,000 animals, most in their natural habitat. The zoo has a penguinarium and a large aviary where birds can be seen in their natural setting.

Zoo hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Group rates are available for groups of 25 or more. Admission price is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for children ages 5-12, free for children younger than 5. Parking is included in paid admission. For more information, call 398-0900.

● Cranbrook

A variety of activities are planned at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. The Institute and the Birmingham branch, American Association of University Women, will present a "Yes, You Can" program to encourage girls to pursue careers in science and engineering.

The program will be 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the institute. Guest speakers will be women doctors, engineers, computer specialists, veterinarians, biologists and other scientists. For registration information, call 645-3230.

Cranbrook staffers will celebrate National Earth Day with a 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, "NASA Presentation: A View from Space" in the auditorium of Birmingham Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln at Cranbrook, Birmingham. The presentation will feature slides taken of Earth from space and will be narrated by Richard Underwood, a former NASA staff member. The program, presented through a collaborative effort of community organizations, will stress wise use of Earth's resources. Price is \$2.

National Astronomy Day will be celebrated 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Cranbrook. Evening programs are planned, weather permitting. Participants will learn about astronomy through programs, demonstrations and telescope observation with Cranbrook staffers and members of the Warren Astronomical Society.

Cranbrook Institute of Science hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission price is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and students ages 3-17, free for children under 3. Admission for the planetarium is \$1 extra per person, and \$1.50 extra per person for "Lasera" laser shows. Many other activities are planned for the spring at Cranbrook. For more information, call 645-3200.

● Hands-On Museum

An exhibit, "What Is Architecture?" will continue through Sunday, May 13, at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron at Fifth, Ann Arbor. The hands-on exhibit is sponsored by the Huron Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in celebration of National Science and Technology Week, April 22-28, and Michigan Science and Technology Month in April.

The exhibit will explore architectural elements of form, color and texture, proportion, scale, structure and graphics. A variety of hands-on activities for children are included.

April is also Simple Machines month at the museum, and the focus of demonstrations for the month will be on such machines as wedges, screws, chisels, levers, pulleys and others. Demonstrations will be at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays, and are free with the price of admission.

The museum will offer an inventors' workshop for students ages 9-13. The workshop will be presented in a series 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 21, April 28, May 5 and May 12. Educators and inventors will help students develop problem-solving skills. At the final session, students will exhibit and demonstrate their inventions. Price is \$30 and advance registration is required.

Many workshops and classes will be offered throughout the spring at the museum, and advance registration is required.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission price is \$2 for children, students and senior citizens, \$3 for adults, \$7.50 for a family. For more information, call 995-5439.

And closer to home...

● Plymouth Museum

Regular hours at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main at Church, are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

The museum's Main Street area features shops and offices reminiscent of Plymouth's early days. A pharmacy, dentist's office, dress shop, barber shop and bank are included. A restored Altor car, made in Plymouth in 1915, is also exhibited.

The "Then and Now" section downstairs helps younger children learn about history through a variety of hands-on activities.

The museum also has a collection of Daisy air rifles. Plymouth was home to the Daisy Manufacturing Co. from 1886 to 1958, and became known as the "Air Rifle Capital of the World" during that time.

Admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-18, \$4 for a family. For more information, call 455-8940.

● Canton Museum

The Canton Historical Museum, 1150 S. Canton Center at Proctor in Canton, is open 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

Items exhibited at the museum help tell the story of Canton's earlier days. Admission to the Canton Historical Museum is free of charge. For more information, call 397-0088 during museum hours.

● Easter egg hunts

An Easter egg hunt sponsored by Canton Parks and

Recreation will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Griffin Community Park (Canton Center Road side), north of Cherry Hill in Canton.

The annual event is for children ages 10 and younger. Children will be divided into several age groups and will search for goodies and special prizes. Parents are being asked to travel by car pool as parking space is limited. For more information, call 397-5110.

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Plymouth Township Park, Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The event is for children ages 12 and younger.

Participants will be divided into several age groups and will search for Easter goodies at the park. Parents and children should plan on arriving a bit early for the Easter egg hunts, as both events will start promptly and end quickly.

● Fun at library

A "Kazoos, Noseflutes and Spoons" program will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

The program is for children ages 6-10. Registration is limited and will begin Thursday, April 12, by phone or in person. Participants will learn about traditional musical instruments and will play spoons, limberjacks, washboards and others.

Each participant will make and take home a kazoo. Children will learn to play the noseflute and take a student home. For more information, call 453-0750.

Student artists will be able to demonstrate their talents during April at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. School-age children can pick up coloring forms in the shape of a T-shirt during library hours.

Youngsters will then color or decorate the forms and return them to the library, where they will be used to decorate the children's department.

The event isn't a contest. It is designed to help decorate the Canton Public Library for National Library Week, April 22-28. Forms should be returned to the library no later than Monday, April 23. For more information, call 397-0999.

● Plymouth YMCA

A gymnastics program for children ages 5 and older will be offered April 24-May 31 by the Elymouth Community Family YMCA. Beginner I sessions will be 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Isbister Elementary School gym, 9300 N. Canton Center, Plymouth Township.

Beginner II sessions will be 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Isbister, and intermediate sessions 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays at Isbister. Price is \$24 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Beginner I students must be able to do a forward straddle roll and headstand. Beginner II students must

be able to do a one-handed cartwheel and standing backbend. Intermediate students must be able to do a round-off and handspring.

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will also offer Saturday T-ball for children ages 4-6. Sessions will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 28-June 2, at the Allen Elementary School field, 11100 Haggerty, Plymouth.

Participants will learn the basics of baseball, including throwing, fielding, running the bases and batting from a T. Price is \$20 for members, \$28 for non-members. Advance registration is required for gymnastics and T-ball classes.

The YMCA, 248 Union in Plymouth, offers many other activities for children, teenagers and adults. For registration information, call 453-2904.

● Bunny tales

Children will be able to enjoy an hour of "hare-raising tales" Saturday mornings at Twelve Oaks Mall, I-96 and Novi Road in Novi. Story hours will be 11 a.m. to noon in the center court.

Radio personalities from the Detroit area will be featured during the story hour sessions. Michael Waite of WKQI is set to appear Saturday, April 7, followed by Jack Goggia of WQRS Saturday, April 14.

Children will also be able to visit the Easter bunny and have pictures taken during center hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Moms and tots let the good times roll

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Emily Maiorana's a bit young to join the pro bowling circuit.

Emily, 14 months old, was at the Super Bowl in Canton last week. She didn't do any bowling, although older children participating in the Canton Newcomers outing did.

The club's moms and tots group decided bowling was the thing to do March 27.

"We did it last year and it went really well," said Cathy McLean of Canton. She came to the get-together with her children, Michael, 2½, and Casey, 15 months.

McLean and Sue Maiorana organized the event. Maiorana, a Canton resident, brought along her two children, Dean, 2½, and Emily.

About 25 kids, infants through preschoolers, came along for the morning's fun. Moms joined in, as did a couple of fathers.

"The moms do most of the work, helping push the balls," Maiorana said. "They just get a kick out of watching the pins fall, I think."

'It's a good way to meet people that live in the area. The kids get to play with other kids.'

—Sue Maiorana
Canton Newcomers

THE ADULTS didn't bowl that morning. Group members had lunch at the Super Bowl after they finished bowling.

"Bumper bowling" was used for the Moms and Tots group, meaning the youngsters didn't have to worry about gutter balls. Event organizers aren't sure that any of the children will become professional bowlers.

"Michael McLean's father's an avid bowler, so he may follow in his father's footsteps," Maiorana said.

Members of the Moms and Tots group enjoy holiday parties and a variety of other outings throughout the year. Participating in activities gives parents an opportunity to spend time with their kids.

"It's a good way to meet people that live in the area," Maiorana said. "The kids get to play with other kids."

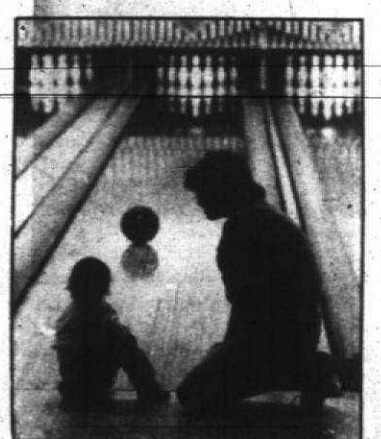
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Nadine Fournier juggles her scorekeeping duties with caring for her daughter, Leah. Members of the Moms and Tots group met last week at the Super Bowl in Canton for a morning of bowling.



Julie Cotter picks up her son, Ryan, after he's launched his ball down the lane. Stephanie, his sister, watches the action.



As the ball rolls slowly down the lane, Stephanie and her mom, Karen Kaskewsky, discuss Stephanie's form.

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Group members watch closely as Marcia Barker demonstrates how to decorate Easter eggs. The program was held Thursday, March 29, at the Canton Public Library.

Craft has a proud history

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Marcia Barker's dinner table looks anything but ordinary each Easter.

Barker, a Canton resident, has been doing "Pysanky," Ukrainian Easter egg decorating, for about 15 years. Her husband's family came from that part of the world.

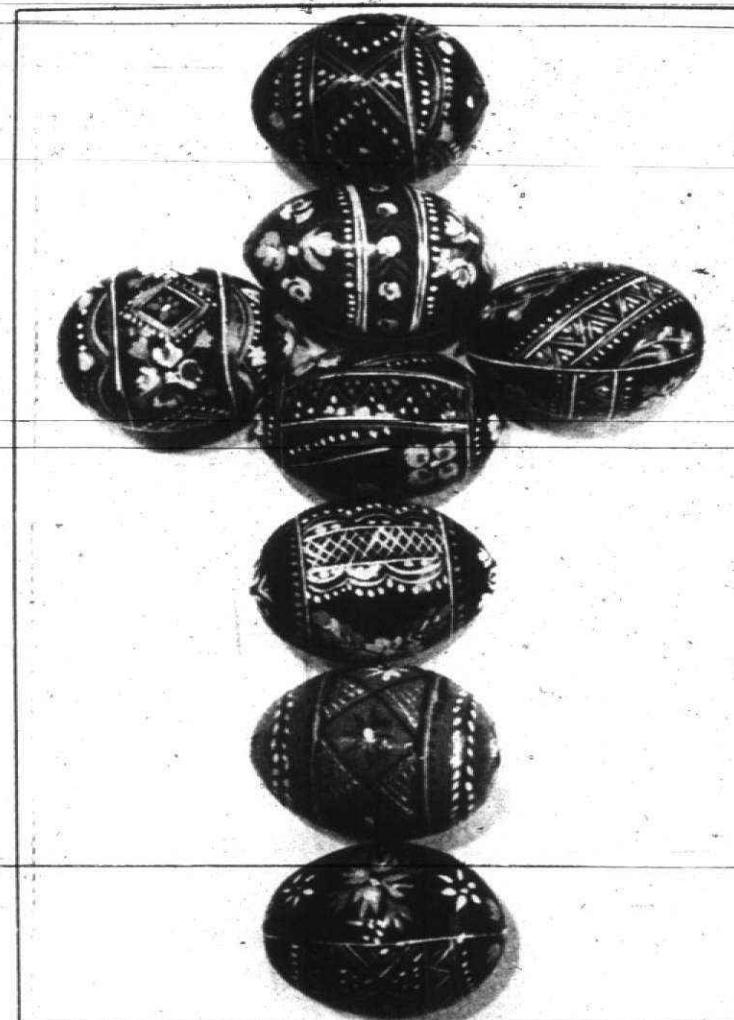
"I learned it from his grandmother. I was just real intrigued and she showed us."

Barker shared what she knows

about Easter egg decorating at a program at the Canton Public Library. The Thursday, March 29, program included a demonstration by Barker, who is also the library's Friends/volunteer coordinator.

PYSANKY STARTED in pagan times, and about 1,000 years ago was adapted to include symbols of Christianity. "Pysanky" comes from the root word "pysaty," meaning "to write."

"It's still quite traditional in the Ukraine, I understand."



Decorated eggs are placed on the Easter table in the shape of a cross.



Pysanky's a rather time-consuming process. It takes four to eight hours to complete one egg, Marcia Barker said.

The art has been passed down through the years, primarily from mothers to daughters, Barker said. "The men pretty much stay out of it."

The eggs are used for decoration and aren't eaten.

Barker became interested in learning more when she saw her husband's grandmother's table all adorned for Easter. Some of those Easter eggs were 50 years old or older.

AT EASTER, the eggs are set up in the shape of a cross and used as a table centerpiece. It's customary to begin work in January, Barker said, to be sure everything's done in time. Pysanky incorporates different symbols. Pine needles, for example, symbolize youth and long life, and a fish is a symbol of Christ.

Symbols are combined to create different messages, such as "I wish you a lifetime of happiness." Colors used are also symbolic, Barker said, with colors having different meanings in different regions.

THE PROCESS begins, surprisingly enough, with raw eggs. Not boiling eggs means the shells stay stronger, Barker said. The decorated eggs symbolize birth and new life, so eggs shouldn't be boiled or emptied. The egg's contents eventually dry up, she said, and refrigeration's not required.

Eggs are first cleaned with vinegar, to make sure the dye adheres. The design work is done with an instrument known as a "kiska," a wooden stick with a copper funnel on one end.

Beeswax is heated and used to fill the funnel. The design is then drawn with the beeswax on the area that's supposed to stay white.

After that, the egg is put in the palest dye, usually yellow. Special dyes are required, Barker said, and

the length of time the egg stays in the dye varies.

The process continues, with the kiska and beeswax being used to draw designs over each area of a certain color. The beeswax keeps dye from adhering to certain parts of the egg. The egg is placed in progressively darker dyes, typically orange, red and finally a dark blue, purple or black.

BARKER THEN uses lighter fluid to remove the beeswax and clean the egg. She varnishes each egg, helping make it stronger and shinier.

Typically, each egg takes four to eight hours to complete. Barker works on several at a time.

She and her husband have two

children, an 18-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son.

"They both have done eggs, yes," Barker's family has also done the Easter egg decorating more traditional in the United States, using hard-boiled eggs and inexpensive dyes.

ABOUT 30 people attended the Canton Public Library program, and several of them drew designs on eggs. Others preferred to watch.

"I enjoyed it," said Kristie Evans of Canton, who recently moved with her family from the state of Washington. "A lot of the techniques were different than what I anticipated them to be. It's definitely an art."

Some of the designs reminded Evans of Greek motifs. She has done batik work using wax but has never tried Ukrainian Easter egg decorating.

"It would be fun," Evans said. "They're really pretty."



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Sheila Widrosky of Canton enjoyed learning about Easter egg decorating during a recent Canton Public Library program.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Marcia Barker, Friends/volunteer coordinator for the Canton Public Library, learned about Ukrainian Easter egg decorating from her husband's family.



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Designs on the eggs send different messages, such as "I wish you a lifetime of happiness."

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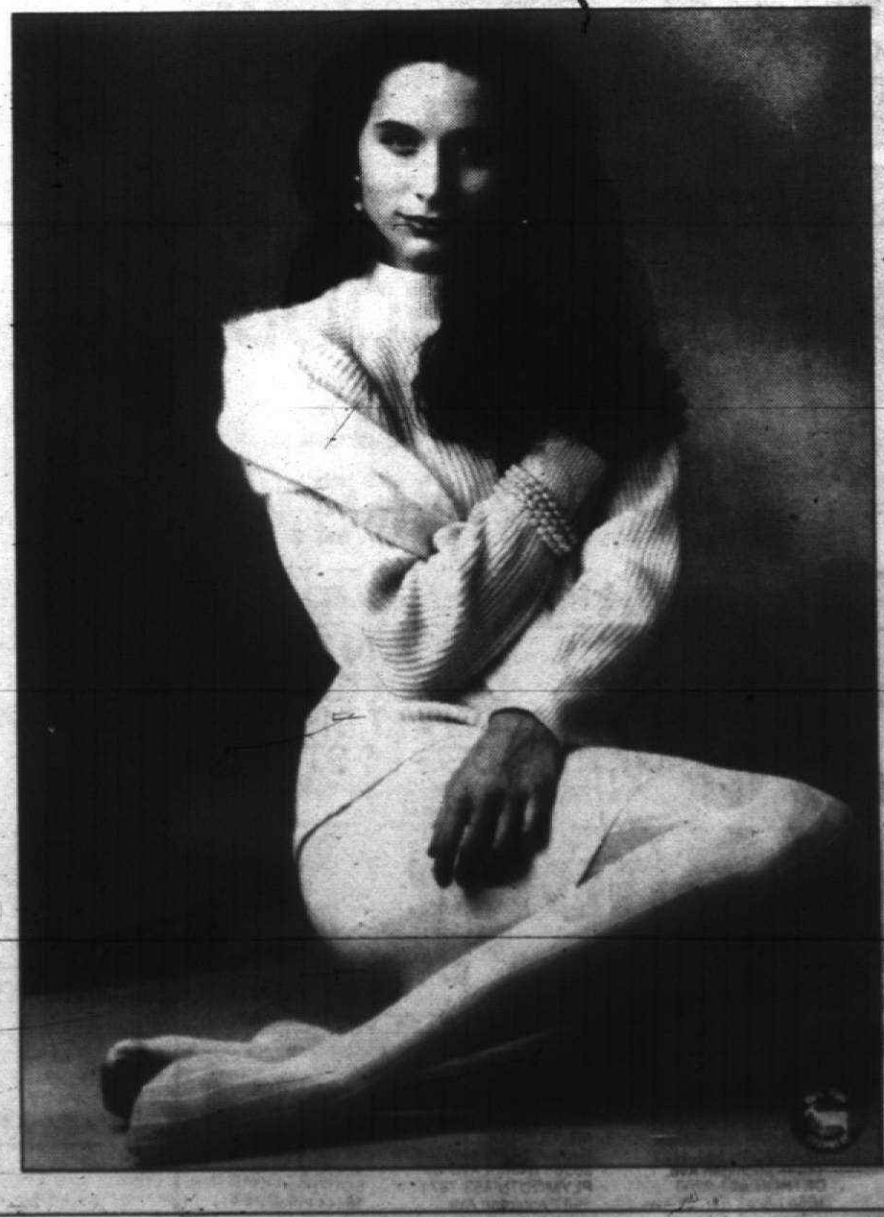
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Attention Deficit The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road in Livonia. The workshop on "The Adolescent With ADD" will be presented by Dr. Art Robin of Children's Hospital of Michigan. Donation is \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 464-8323.

Theatre Guild The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present a drama/comedy, "Morning's at Seven" by Paul Ojorn, at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 5-7. Performances will be in The Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads, Northville Township. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors for Friday and Saturday performances, \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students for the Thursday performance, which will be interpreted for the deaf. Group rates are available. For ticket information, call 420-2161. Tickets will be sold at the door. The play tells the story of four sisters who live in a small town and know the details of each other's lives.

Flower garden show The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens will sponsor a flower and garden show Friday through Sunday, April 6-8, at the Yost Field House, 1600 S. State, Ann Arbor. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be horticulture and design displays. Landscape/nursery professionals will unveil garden settings designed to educate visitors. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 12 and younger (\$5 tickets will be sold in advance, with a minimum order of 10). Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets.

Tri-County Singles Tri-County Singles will hold a

dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Airport Hilton Inn, 1-94 and Merriman, Romulus. The third anniversary dance is for singles over age 21. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

Bethany West Bethany West will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago at Inkster, Redford. Bethany West is a support group for separated and divorced people. The speaker, Ed Roberge, will discuss communication skills. Donation is \$3. For more information, call 255-4668 or 478-6538.

Woman's Club The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. The program on antique purses will be presented by Naomi Donaldson, who will appear in costume. She will display her collection of purses, and those attending may bring any antique purses they own.

Westside Singles Westside Singles will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, April 6, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

Bicycle safety A "Lite-A-Bike" safety program will be offered noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The event is sponsored by the Mayflower-L.I. Gamble Post and Auxiliary No. 6695, VFW, and will be under the direction of Sgt. Robert Scoggins and Officer Mel Mec of the Plymouth Police Department. A fingerprinting session for children will be held (parental permission required). Reflective tape will be put on bicycles. Ribbons will be awarded for the best decorated bikes. Refreshments will be served. Area children may attend. For more information, call Helen Sidman, 981-1231.

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Canton BPW The Canton Business and Professional Women will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Roman Forum Restaurant, on Ford in Canton. The speaker, Dr. Bhupendra Hajratwala of American Educational and Financial Services, will discuss career planning. Dinner price is \$10, payable at the door. Area working women may attend. For more information, call Kelly Baldrice, 737-7300 or 489-4257.

Antique appraisal The Plymouth Historical Museum will sponsor an antique appraisal clinic 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the museum, 155 S. Main. The appraisal clinic will be conducted by Ernest DuMouchelle and members of his staff. There will be a limit of four hand-held items, and price of the appraisal is \$4 per item. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call the museum, 455-8940. Appointments will be made for every 20 minutes during the appraisal clinic.

Ed and Laura (Arnold) Wright of Wixom, formerly of Canton, announce the birth of a son, Erik Alan, March 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Larry and Joyce Arnold of Canton and Jerry and Margie Wright of Lansing.

Curt and Ruth Haan of Northville announce the birth of a daughter, Marin Brooke, Feb. 6 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are the Rev. Dalton and Wanda Myers of Livonia, Patricia Haan of Plymouth and William Haan of Northville. Great-grandmothers are Ruth Vinson of Dallas, Texas, June Wilmet of Punta Gorda, Fla. MarLePore of Punta Gorda, Fla. Tanner, 4 1/2.

Todd and Karen Paigut of Plymouth announce the birth of a son, Alan George, March 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Law of Flat Rock and Gloria Treppa of Westland.

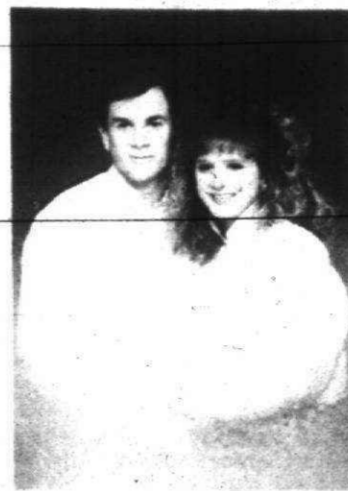
Joseph and Sheree Treppa of Plymouth announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Elisabeth, March 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Law of Flat Rock and Gloria Treppa of Westland.

engagements

Gerish-Koch

Arthur and Janet Gerish of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Joan Gerish of Plymouth, to Robert Joseph Koch of Plymouth, son of Ronald and Marilyn Koch of Brecksville, Ohio. The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She attended Northwestern Michigan University and is employed as a manager for Steve Petix Formal Wear.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University. He is employed as a manager for Mr. Gio Car Wash. An early May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Catholic Church in Plymouth.

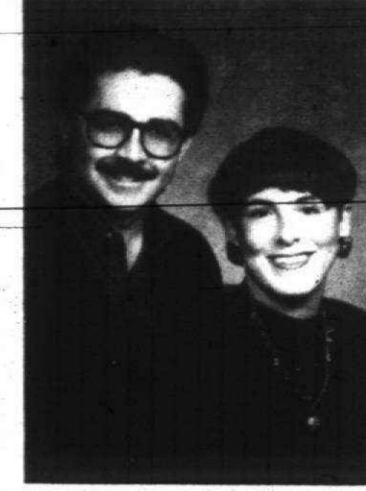


Lewis-Shunk

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cara Elizabeth Lewis of Seattle, Wash., to Edward Karl Shunk of Seattle.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Fritz Pearson of Seattle and the late Jack Shunk.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of the University of Michigan. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Washington. He is self-employed as a developer. A mid-May wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



Whitehill-Barnes

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Whitehill of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann, to John Mark Barnes, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Mark Barnes of Canton.

The bride-elect is a student at Eastern Michigan University, where she is pursuing a degree in elementary special education.

Her fiancé is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and will graduate in the spring of 1991 with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. A February 1991 wedding is planned at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.



Egloff-McCloskey

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Egloff of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Francine, to Mark McCloskey.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is a student at Schoolcraft College, where she is majoring in early education.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is serving with the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

A mid-May wedding is planned at the Universal-Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills.



Crocker-Vollmer

Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Crocker of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann Crocker of Redford, to Michael Vollmer of Wixom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vollmer of Wixom.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Redford Union High School and of Olivet Nazarene University in Kalamazoo, Ill. She is employed as a registered nurse at Providence Hospital.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Walled Lake High School, attended Oakland Community College. He is employed as a heating and cooling contractor. A late April wedding is planned at the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene.



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Pastor teaches Lions lessons for life

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Dave Wilson doesn't play as much football as he used to but he still has a good idea of what the game entails.

Wilson, 32, played football at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., where he received a full scholarship. After college, Wilson was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, but didn't go to camp. Instead, he joined the staff of Athletics in Action, a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ. Wilson now works as a pastor for that organization and is the chaplain for the Detroit Lions.

He spends his time at home games in the press box. "Being an old quarterback, I love to see the stuff open up." He was pleased with the team's seven wins and nine losses this past season and with the fact that the Lions won their last five games in a row.

Wilson, a Rochester Hills resident, came to a father-son banquet at the Lake Pointe Bible Chapel in Plymouth Township. He shared stories about football and about his ministry with the more than 100 men and boys who attended the Friday, March 30, program.

Wilson's USED to hearing jokes about the Lions, but he's starting to change.

"Guess what, boys, they're not that bad anymore," he said. "Half the league is now copying our offense."

He's optimistic about the team's chances for the 1990 season.

"I'm venturing we could win nine or 10 games."

Wilson's work with the team includes conducting Sunday morning chapel services for the players and staff. He's among the few chaplains in the National Football League who travel to conduct services on the road.

Wilson and his wife, Ann, also lead Bible study sessions for players and their wives.

Typically, 15 to 20 players come to each chapel service. Wilson said. Attendance is voluntary, and some athletes who attend are Christians.

"The most important thing in his life is Jesus Christ." Others who attend aren't Christians but still opt to show up.

Coach Wayne Fontes is a relative newcomer to the services. He showed up one Sunday morning when the team had a rather lackluster, Land-Rover record.

Wilson's message that morning was that those who

want to win in Christian life must get in the race to win. That calls for self-discipline.

"So you set a goal and go for it. That is the essence of the Christian life."

The TEAM won that day, and Fontes has since attended chapel services more regularly.

"He's a pretty fired-up guy," Wilson said. "He's this close to becoming a Christian."

This is Wilson's sixth year working with the Detroit Lions. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ball State and a master of divinity degree from the International School of Theology in California. He and his wife have two sons, ages 2 and 4.

Wilson, an Ohio native, didn't become a Christian until his junior year in college.

"I actually pretty much stayed away from the church."

That year, he heard Archie Griffin, a Heisman Trophy winner from Ohio State who played for Cincinnati, speak about his faith. Wilson's older brother also talked with him about the importance of being a Christian.

His work with the Lions includes trying to win athletes for Christ.

"A lot of these guys are sorry characters," he said of professional athletes. "You read about them in the papers."

Often, athletes haven't had to deal with the consequences of their actions, he said. The divorce rate

among professional athletes is 86 percent, and nearly all of those marriages end within five years after the player's career ends. The life of a pro athlete is unstable.

"It's all dependent on how well they do. It could be over tomorrow."

WILSON, WHO also does some work with the Detroit Tigers, has seen a lot of openness to Christ's message among athletes. That doesn't, however, always translate into faith.

He encourages athletes to serve as role models for young people. Wilson and Paul Hansen of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia were involved in founding Pro Challenge Inc.

In that program, pro athletes speak at school assemblies held during the off season. They compete in several events against top athletes at each school, and remind students not to abuse drugs or alcohol.

In some cases, they share Christ's message, although that's not always allowed at public schools.

"Many times, we struggle with that," Wilson said.

He keeps busy during the off season with speaking engagements and with Bible study. The Wilsons are involved in Family Life Conferences, seminars for engaged and married couples.

"Spending time with children is important. Wilson told the fathers and sons at the banquet. Children need to know they're loved."

"It's easy to say, but it's another thing to do. They want time, period, and we live in a day and age in America that's so fast-paced."

Fathers and sons at the church banquet spent time together, eating dinner and watching a "Football Follies" film. The group enjoyed hearing football stories, said church member John Jakcys of Dearborn.

"You grow closer to the players and their successes if you know a little more about them," said Jakcys, who attended the banquet with his wife, Cathy, and their 10-month-old son, Joey. Jakcys was impressed with Wilson's message.

"He's a real example for the men and boys in our church to see that our Christian faith is relevant not only to athletes but to common people like ourselves."

"I think he's very effective in his ministry," said Jakcys, who served as master of ceremonies for the event. He said, Wilson's able to help meet the human needs of people who are often seen as being superhuman.



Pastor Dave Wilson (left) passes a bowl of food to John Jakcys, reaching over the head of Jakcys's 10-month-old son, Joey, Wilson, chaplain for the Detroit Lions, spoke at a father-son banquet last week at the Lake Pointe Bible Chapel in Plymouth Township.

church bulletin

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- Ward Church**
Easter week at Ward Presbyterian Church will begin with Palm Sunday worship services at 8:15, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. April 8. Later that evening, "The Life of Christ," a dramatic musical pageant, will be presented at 7 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 9-10. Ward Presbyterian Church is at Six Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia.
- Northville Baptist**
The First Baptist Church of Northville will present an Easter musical, "The Father Hath Provided," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at 217 Wing, Northville. For information, call 348-1020.
- Livonia Baptist**
The Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft, will hold a joint communion with Temple of Faith Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 12, at the latter church, 15801 W. Chicago. For information, call 422-3763.
- Wayne Wesleyan**
The Wayne Wesleyan Church will present the Easter cantata, "The Father Hath Provided," by Dennis and Nan Allen, at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at the church, 5225 S. Venoy. Wayne. For information, call 722-5210 or 721-1751.
- Finnish bakery**
A Finnish bakery will be set up 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Detroit-Laestadian Lutheran Congregation, 290 Fairground, Plymouth. Homemade baked goods will be available.
- Solo Flight**
Solo Flight, a non-profit organization of Single Focus Ministries, will present author and speaker Jim Smoke and his seminar on "Growing

- White Breakfast**
A "White Breakfast" will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township. The event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. The Gospel Singers of Main Street Baptist Church will perform. Tickets are available at the church office. For information, call 453-5280.
- Holy Trinity**
The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, will host eight other churches for Good Friday service noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 13. For information, call 464-0211.
- Memorial Christ**
Gary Hawes, executive director of Michigan Christian Campus Ministries, will preach at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The church's choir, directed by Bob Heater, will present "The Day He Wore My Crown" by David T. Clydesdale at 6:30 p.m. that day. For information, call 464-6722.
- Ambassadors**
The Ambassadors of Village Presbyterian Church, Redford, will attend the Ann Arbor garden show at Yost Arena Saturday, April 7. Those interested should meet at 8 a.m. at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information, call 534-7730.
- Calvary Missionary**
Dr. Ben David Lew, founder of Israel's Evangelical Mission in Oak Park, author, teacher and television speaker, will present the Easter message, "The Last Seven Words of Jesus," at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 261-5050.
- Covenant Church**
The Covenant Community Church, Please turn to Page 9B

moral perspectives Rabbi Irwin Groner

Germany has a heritage of denial

In recent weeks, the proposal for the reunification of Germany has found such great support and has won such widespread endorsement that few voices have been raised in challenge or criticism.

We rejoiced in the collapse of Soviet totalitarianism in Eastern and Central Europe. We were uplifted by the hundreds of thousands of people demonstrating for democratic reforms in European cities. We were stirred by the dismantling of the Berlin Wall.

But many of us have deep concerns about the reunification of West and East Germany, the creation of a state with great economic power and potentially great military power, that could be a major force in influencing the course of events in Europe.

The destruction that was visited upon the Jews, and the horror upon the world by the Third Reich have been extensively documented. And now, 40 years later, a rather brief time for democracy to take root in West Germany, and after but a few months of elementary human freedom in East Germany, these two states are to be united.

WE SHOULD ask the question: Will there now be unleashed a German Nationalism which neither the common market nor the western alliance, nor the superpowers, can possibly contain in the long run?

A national columnist who recently asked this question was challenged by young Germans. They addressed their response to him in biblical discourse: "Should the sins of the fathers be visited upon the children?" Indeed, we face a profound and urgent moral question. If a great sin is committed by a nation, does the sin pass on one generation to the next?

The answer has to be carefully considered. The guilt is not transmitted, but something painful is indeed handed down. Germans living today under the age of 45 are too young to have been part of the sins of the German people unless they approve, endorse or defend what their parents did. But on the assumption, and it is generally correct, that the younger German generation disavows and rejects the sins of their parents and grandparents, they are not to be charged with their parents' sins. There is a bitter heritage that has been transmitted to today's German - a heritage of denial, distrust and fear.

The dismantling of the Berlin Wall began Nov. 9, 1989, in a mood of jubilation, excitement and triumph. Young Germans began to tear apart this symbol of division.

IT WAS Ellis Wilson who reminded us that Nov. 9, 1989, has a special place in the history of the German nation and the Jewish people. That was "Kristallnacht" when all of Germany's synagogues were attacked,

dandized and burned by the Nazis, and the millennium of German-Jewish history came to an end. We would have been comforted if included in the jubilant announcement of what was occurring in November 1989, some German writer, political leader or spokesman would have also remembered 1938.

In that shadow of doubt comes over us. In this euphoria of "Ein Volk Ein Reich," will 1938 be completely forgotten?

It's not that we are concerned about a new wave of anti-Semitism in Germany. The danger of this is much greater in Eastern Europe, where there are so few Jews left in Germany.

Our concern arises out of a different source. We are deeply troubled by the denial of the Nazi past. We saw, in recent years, how German, insisted that President Ronald Reagan conduct ceremonies at Bitburg, honoring the S.S. dead. We note how some German historians reinterpret the role of Germany in World War II and find ways to deny the record of monstrous evils that the country perpetrated upon the world. In recent years, we have witnessed how political leaders and literary figures have sought to deny or forget the Holocaust.

Have German children been required to study anti-Semitism and the history of the Holocaust as a required course? Has Germany completely and unconditionally disavowed neo-Nazism?

THE ISSUES are complex. West Germany provided reparations for the State of Israel and for many Jews around the world. There are many caring, thoughtful and morally responsible leaders in West Germany who have denounced Nazism and who have called upon their countrymen to reject it in all its diverse, sometimes hidden, yet no less malignant forms in German society.

But there was never a serious campaign against anti-Semitism in Germany. That country never confronted the crimes of Germany against Jews and the world.

The reunification process is continuing with great speed. The Western powers should have prepared and should now be preparing measures to deal with the problems, fears and concerns that unification creates. Safeguards should be provided. International accountability should be established for this emerging German nation of 80 million. If Germany is allowed to reunite without dealing with its past, we will be presenting to history a very unfortunate lesson. People can participate in the most unpalatable crimes - the murder of millions - and in a reasonable period of time they can feel that they are so good that they can return to the collective family of humanity acting as though nothing serious really happened.

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obituaries

HAROLD F. DANAHY Mr. Danahy was born April 17, 1907, in Albert, New Brunswick, Canada. He died Wednesday, March 28, in Ann Arbor. He came to the Plymouth community in 1971 from Detroit. He was a supervisor at General Motors Cadillac Division. He retired in 1969 after 42 years of service. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. Mr. Danahy is survived by his wife, Evelyn of Plymouth; daughter, Gerry Dugan of Plymouth; two sons, Jack Danahy of Plymouth and James Danahy of Livonia; 18 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and two sisters, Beatrice Stevens of Westland and Annie Powers of Niagara Falls, Canada. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

campus news

JULIE L. ROBINSON, of Plymouth, Laura J. Dahike of Canton and Julie A. Martin of Canton were named to the Deans list at Miami University.

MARK C. PINTO, of Plymouth was named to the President's list at Miami University.

MICHAEL A. STANKIEWICZ, of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University. The following Canton residents are also included: John E. Bretzloff, Harry L. Lee, Seong Oh, Scott A. Sumner, John M. Pokryfyk, and Lisa J. Wunderyk.

THOMAS C. BROWN, of Plymouth was among the following students named to the Dean's List at University of Michigan-Dearborn: Plymouth Steve M. Dawson, Christopher

JUDY BRUNOTTE Services for Mrs. Judy Brunotte, 47, of Plymouth were Friday, March 30, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Mrs. Brunotte died Tuesday, March 27, in Plymouth. She was born May 14, 1942 in Detroit. She was employed as a dental hygienist and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Mrs. Brunotte is survived by her husband, Dennis Brunotte of Plymouth; a son, Andrew J. Cunningham of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Anne L. Cunningham of Oxford, Ohio; two stepchildren, Nickolas Brunotte of Defiance, Ohio and Amy Brunotte of Defiance, Ohio; a brother, Ralph Puglisi of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Susan Kingsbury of Plymouth; and parents Dale and Bernice Puglisi of South Lyon.

The Rev. John N. Grenfell Jr. officiated at the service. Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermueken Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be given to First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Michigan Cancer Foundation and Arbor Hospice Personalized Nursing Service.

GREGG ALAN LAWRENCE Services for Mr. Gregg Alan Lawrence, 30, of Plymouth were Tuesday, April 3, at Lambert Vermueken Trust 100 Funeral Home. Mass was at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

THOMAS N. VINSON SR. Services for Mr. Thomas N. Vinson Sr., 62, of Plymouth were Wednesday, April 4, at Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Vinson was born Sept. 23, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pa. He died Saturday, March 31 at V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor. He came to the Plymouth community from Annapolis, Md. He was a technical writer.

Mr. Vinson is survived by his wife, Harriet A. Vinson of Plymouth; son, Thomas N. Vinson Jr. of Plymouth; daughter, Denver A. Priebe of Plymouth; six granddaughters; and a brother, retired Col. Newell E. Vinson of Thousand Oaks, Calif. Sister Bridgett Johnson officiated the service. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Lambert Vermueken Trust 100 Funeral Home.

LYNNE PARTRIDGE Services were held for Lynn E. Partridge, 80, of Melbourne, Fla., on Friday, March 30, at Brouville-Maxwell Funeral Chapel in Melbourne, Fla.

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Redford Baptist The Redford Baptist Church, Grand River at Seven Mile, will present the musical drama "Lamb of God" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7. There is no admission charge.

Temple Baptist The Temple Baptist Church and Alltelia Orchestra will present "Easter Celebration: A Dramatic Musical Based on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ" at the Temple Baptist Church, West Chicago at Telegraph, in Redford. For information, call 255-3333.

Grief support Grief support groups which provide emotional and spiritual support to others who have lost a loved one will meet at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia during April. For information, call 422-6865.

First Church The Sanctuary Choir of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will present "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" by Phil and Lynne Brower at 4 and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, call 348-7600.

Lenten retreat Madonna College, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, will have a Lenten breakfast 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the campus residence hall and chapel. The Rev. John Sajdak will be the presenter. Price is \$8 and will include lunch. Registration will take place at 8 a.m. and Mass at 4:30 p.m. For information, call 591-5126.

Turning to God: The Best Move You Can Make. A free Christian Science Lecture entitled "TURNING TO GOD: THE BEST MOVE YOU CAN MAKE" given by GLORIA CHRISTENA, C.S. Michigan City, Indiana a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 1990 Bring a Friend

Life Care Ministries People who have a problem and need someone to talk to can call a Christian telephone listening service operated by Life Care Ministries. The service is operated noon to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 427-LIFE.

A.C.T.I.O.N. ministries. A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministries is an auxiliary of Single Point Ministries, a Single Adult Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The group is open to all single adults. It provides educational and support services to meet the needs of individuals during career transitions. The group meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Lighthouse of Ward Church. For information, call 422-1854.

Bible studies Bible studies will be offered at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays. The topic will be "The Sermon on the Mount - Christ's Explanation of the Sixth Commandment." There is also a class 7:30-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month. The topic will be "A Thorough Study of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ." From 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, another class will focus on the "Life of Christ."

Homecoming Aldersgate United Methodist Church is planning a homecoming Sunday, May 6. Former members can call 937-3170 for information.

Alcoholics support groups Alcoholics for Christ, Alcoholics for Christ Family Group and Adult Children of Alcoholics meet weekly at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Groups meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Fellowship Hall and 1 p.m. Fridays in Room A-5. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, at the corner of Six Mile. For information, call 534-6383.

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Church anniversary Members of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will observe their 10th anniversary in April. Worshipers will celebrate with a service of praise and thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 22, at the church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. "One Flock, One Shepherd" is the theme of the celebration. A catered dinner will be at the church after the service. For ticket information, call the church, 981-0286. The public may attend the anniversary celebration.

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Consumers need to shop 'smart' to save money

NEARLY 33 CENTS of every dollar spent by American families is for groceries and household items. The average is two trips a week to the grocery store and one or more stops at a drug or discount store.

People are spending money they could otherwise be saving for the future because they fail to compare, shop smart and get the best value. Stores are cleverly set up and well merchandised. Manufacturers and food producers fight for eye level space on retailers' shelves. They set up elaborate, eye-catching displays, all designed to use specific end. Get the shoppers to spend.

There also are companies that place merchandise in stores specifically to induce impulse spending. "We aren't defenseless as consumers," said Paul Richard, director of education for the National Center for Financial Education. "Many of our shopping techniques are habitual. For instance, going to the same stores on the same days, buying the same products, not using a shopping list or comparison shopping."

NCFE is a San Diego-based, non-profit educational organization that helps people do a better job of spending, saving, investing, insuring and planning for their future so they aren't totally dependent on Social Security, Medicare or family members when they retire.

"Economizing on grocery and household items takes imagination, requires some financial self-discipline, practice and a little time to develop new habits," said Richard, who was once bankrupt. "Having one spouse a saver and the other a spender equals no progress."

Richard offers the following spending tips to employ before your next trip to the store:

- USE A LIST when shopping. Put anything you want on the list, but don't add to it once you get to the store. Using a list will help plan for your needs in advance, so take advantage of sale prices and avoid impulse purchases.
- Watch for store ads in the newspaper, your mail box and flyers distributed at stores. Check for sale prices on items you regularly purchase. Compare the prices with other stores, especially those you don't normally visit.
- Pay attention to the days of the week the sale prices are in effect. For example, some stores have no sale prices in effect on Mondays, traditionally a busy shopping day. Plan your purchases, noting on the list which items are sale priced and where a coupon can be used.
- Always use money. Take time to get cash before going to the store. Nothing has an impact on the mind like taking cash from a wallet or purse. Many people who use credit cards rarely know how much was actually spent — until the statement comes. Many people who write checks simply don't take the time to calculate the balance and have no idea what is left over.

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think ahead and plan for tomorrow's needs," Richard said.

(4) Take advantage of coupons and rebates. Richard, who is single, calculates that he saved more than \$500 — or about \$40 a month — in 1989 using coupons and rebates. He regularly shops at stores that offer double coupons and takes the time to watch the papers for grocery coupons.

It only takes 20 minutes a week to review grocery ads, clip the coupons and plan a weekly or bi-weekly spending trip, he said.

(5) Always shop by unit price at a store. In most states, it's the law that retailers post the unit cost on the shelves. It used to be the larger the pack the better the price, but not always these days. For example, a 50-cent store coupon, doubled on any size laundry soap could make the smallest size the most economical in terms of least cash spent.

(6) Avoid buying plastic bags for food storage or garbage disposal. The store give these away free.

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(9) Cereals, breads, desserts, juices, beverages, etc., mixed and prepared at home are always a better value than prepackaged items. The same is true for pet foods and many experts agree dry pet food mixed with water is better than canned food, Richard said.

(10) Be cautious about adding non-food items to the grocery list. These include health and beauty items, paper and plastics, utensils, brooms, brushes and film. These items have the highest profit margin for most grocers, which is exactly why they are prominently displayed in the stores. Usually, a better value can be obtained at discount drug stores, Richard said.

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Vast wilderness areas mark Alaska's beauty

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Along the highway, motorists can stop at intermittent viewing spots, including Beluga Point for whale watching. Boats aren't usually seen on Turnagain Arm nor are swimmers since the water doesn't get above 37 degrees even in summer. Some hardy souls do take advantage of strong winds by windsurfing, encased in wetsuits.

EVEN IN SUMMER, Alaska's terrain demands respect and has no mercy on the careless. Warm weather offers a special danger in the upper arms of Cook Inlet at low tide when the mud flats are exposed. People often use low tide as a time to walk out into the inlet.

Alaskans seem to take it in stride, but flatlanders may be taken by rock slide warning signs and permanently installed gates used to close the highway during avalanches. When the inlet tide is out, exposing the mudflats, eagles can be seen swooping in low, looking for dinner. When the tide is high, spots of white Beluga whales can be seen arching through the icy waters.

Resorts and tourist stops along the inlet have posted warnings about the danger presented by the mud flats since July 1988, when an 18-year-old woman became stuck in the mud and rescue attempts failed, drowned when the tide came back in. The state trooper stationed at

New airline route to Soviet Far East

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scheduled air traffic between the two countries over the North Pacific, Versteeg said.

Bering Air currently operates charter flights between Nome and the Soviet port city of Provideniya. Magadan is a city of 160,000 on

the northern shore of the Sea of Okhotsk, and Khabarovsk has 600,000 residents near the borders of North Korea and China.

Mr. Travel gets his due

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SKRAMSTAD is president of Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. "Savich, Len and I went to China on behalf of the state a few years ago," said Skramstad, beginning his inside story. "We flew into Kunming in south China and took an incredible 24-hour train ride northwest

to Chumdo. The next morning a female conductor collected tickets. When she got to Len she started screaming and threatened to throw him off the train.

"It turned out that our Chinese hosts had bought Len's ticket only three-quarters of the way to our destination, and they were going to leave him beside the tracks in the mountains of China.

"It was the only time anybody has ever seen Mr. Travel speechless."

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Mr. Travel gets his due

They gave out several tourism awards, all deserved, but nobody else got a standing ovation. When Gov. James Blanchard announced that the 1989 Tourism Lifetime Achievement Award would go to Len Barnes, we all automatically stood up and cheered.

The place was the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn on Monday. The occasion was the Seventh Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism, which attracted city, regional and state tourism professionals, as well as private entrepreneurs.



Iris Jones

Barnes is the founding editor of AAA's Michigan Living Magazine, and Mr. Travel in Michigan. "It was as if God was approaching the stage," I said to Barnes later. He got all flustered and gave me an "awe shucks, don't say that!" look. Wally Bronner of Bronners Christmas Decorations in Frankenmuth went as far as genuflecting when Barnes went by, which seemed to confirm the diagnosis.

CHUCK DALY, head coach of the Detroit Pistons, gave a rousing luncheon speech about teamwork, but the heroes of the day were Barnes, and the man he credits with upgrading the Michigan tourism industry, John Savich, Michigan Travel Bureau director.

The Gov described him as "the only man in the world whose job J.P. McCarthy envies."

"Barnes has been everywhere," Blanchard added. "He can write about Bali or salmon fishing in Scotland. He was president of the Society of American Travel Writers and Midwest Travel Writers, he knew Lowell Thomas and George Pierrot, and he's done more to draw attention to this state than anyone else."

Barnes didn't tell any of his jokes, or quote any off-color George Pierrot limericks. He gave a brief graceful reply.

"People think travel is just fun," he told me later. "But it's the second largest industry in Michigan, after the auto industry. Brings in more worldwide dollars than any company other than GM, Ford, Chrysler or Dow Chemical."

THAT'S ABOUT the time that Wally Bronner came by on bended knee, but it didn't stop Barnes.

"Tourism brings in \$1855 a year per capita in taxes, and that's money that you and I don't have to pay," Barnes said.

Savich was hurrying to a workshop when I asked for some inside stories about Barnes. "Ask Harold Skramstad about China," he replied.

Jack Avignone of West Bloomfield is chairman of the Michigan Travel Commission, president and CEO of AAA Michigan and has been Barnes' boss for the last 11 years.

When I asked Avignone for some inside stories about Barnes, he said "I've got them, but I can't tell them. Ask Harold Skramstad about China."

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ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER

By LeAnne Rogers
staff writer

Alaska's license plates call the state "The Last Frontier" and to a large extent, they aren't kidding.

The expansive size and hollowness of the landscape, even in southern Alaska, must be seen to be appreciated. It's a place where outdoor activity — hiking, fishing, hunting, skiing or white water rafting — is mandatory.

When not covered with snow, much of southern Alaska is green and bright due to its heavy amounts of precipitation, both rain and snow. On sunny days, the sky and atmosphere is sparkling clean.

Outside of the lights of Anchorage, you discover what darkness truly is. On clear nights, the Northern Lights create patterns across the sky and you can almost read under the brightness of the North Star. It's impressive to visitors, but Alaskans say you have to travel much farther north to get the full effect of the aurora borealis.

SOUTH OF ANCHORAGE, the state's largest city with a population of more than 200,000, is the town of Girdwood with approximately 900 residents.

On the way to Girdwood, in a valley of the Chugach Mountains and surrounded by the Chugach National Forest, you'll see both the attractions and the drawbacks to living on the frontier during winters with 100-inch snowfalls.

Spectacular views of the inlet and the Girdwood Valley can be enjoyed by hiking more than 2,000 feet up Mount Alyeska. Or you can take the easier route and ride the Alyeska resort ski lift to the top.

Jewelry and other gift items made from jade, Alaskan ivory and other semiprecious native stones are offered at many shops including the Kobuk Valley Jade Company, adjoining the Alyeska resort.

The resort is used heavily for skiing during the winter months and as a regular stop by bus tour groups during the summer.

Girdwood also features a four-star restaurant, the Double Musky Inn, which has Cajun style cuisine. The decor is rough wooden with Mardi Gras bead decorations and prime



photo by LeANNE ROGERS

The Mount Alyeska ski lift brings visitors 2,000 feet up the mountain to The Round House resting spot, which overlooks the Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet.

steaks cut in portions of 14 to 20 ounces.

The self-described roadhouse, favorably written up in Esquire and Bon Appetit magazines, is owned and operated by Bob Persons, a transplanted Southerner and third cousin of Truman Capote.

DESPITE THE vast expanses of land, or perhaps because of them, most homes seem clustered on tiny lots. Outside of Anchorage, you won't see homes with lawns although most have decks and extensive windows. The most-common homes outside Anchorage are chalet type A-frames built over crawl spaces.

Seward Highway, the only road south from Anchorage, winds between the base of mountain cliffs

and the Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet. Across the expanse of slate-colored water are more green and black mountains on the Kenai Peninsula.

Further south along Seward Highway is Portage Glacier with its adjoining lake and the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center. Icebergs float in the lake and during summer months, there are cruises on the lake for close-up views of the glacier.

The lake was formed in 1914 when the glacier started to retreat. Portage takes its name from its use, along with Burns Glacier, as a portage by Tanaina Indians, Chugach Eskimos and Russian fur traders traveling between Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound.

EXTENSIVE glaciers are found further south on the Kenai Peninsula near Seward. The most accessible is Exit Glacier which you can walk up to by following roughly a mile-long paved path and hilly trails.

Most of the forests and parks have restrictions and rules for where you can walk or what activities are permitted. Since rangers are nowhere to be seen, it's sort of the honor system and most people refrain from littering and other offenses.

You can hear torrents of water rushing from the glacier, which moves about 8 inches a day, creating a shallow white water stream. Moose can be seen crossing the access road into the woods.

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Alaskan airlines link tourists to Soviet Union

(AP) — Alaska Airlines executives say they are encouraged by a preliminary agreement that could lead to the first scheduled air service to the Soviet Far East by the summer of 1991.

"It's definitely a market we think has a lot of potential and will and should open up," Doug Versteeg, vice president for administration, said March 9, from his office in Seattle.

"We see tourism as the biggest component of the market," he said. "Tourists we bring to Alaska already each season we think would be interested in extending their trip to the Soviet Far East."

U.S. and Soviet negotiators meeting in London on March 8, announced an agreement in principle to open commercial air service between Anchorage and the Soviet Far East cities of Magadan and Khabarovsk.

IF A FINAL agreement is reached, Alaska Airlines hopes to offer two to three flights a week during the summer, starting in 1991.

"Both countries want to do business," he said.

Gov. Steve Cowper said the memorandum of consultation be-

tween the two countries could lead to regular air travel to other Soviet cities by American carriers and service by the Soviet carrier Aeroflot to San Francisco.

"Regular air service to the major cities in the Soviet Far East is the ticket to a permanent relationship with our Soviet neighbors," Cowper said. "It means expanded trade opportunities, easier cultural and educational exchanges, and a greater understanding of our two systems."

Talks are to resume in April to prepare a comprehensive U.S.-Soviet aviation agreement for inclusion in the planned June summit between President Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, said Dennis Fradley, an aide to Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska.

Alaska Airlines has been working to establish the routes since January 1988.

ALASKA AIRLINES made charter flights to the Soviet Far East in the 1970s and Aeroflot sends periodic charter flights to the West Coast, but there has been no regularly

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Escape to the country with an Amish retreat

If modern day bumper-to-bumper traffic and TV addiction has left you with stressful and cluttered days, get away to Mendon, Mich., for a taste of Amish living.

The Mendon Country Inn, in the Historic Wakeman House, will host a June 24-27 Amish Living Days retreat for you to experience some old-fashioned country living.

The 1873 inn is nestled in a country setting overlooking the St. Joseph River, southeast of Kalamazoo off the M-60 highway.

THE Amish Living Days weekend includes a horse and buggy ride to the Amish communities in Shipshewana and Mennohof, Ind.

During the visit you will meet with an elder of the community and enjoy a meal prepared by an Amish family. You will also make stops to meet with the community herbalist, farmers and quilters. Antique shops and tea shops will also be explored.

"We're not overroding (intrud-

ing on) these people (the Amish)," said Dick Buerkle, owner of Mendon Country Inn. "We're not putting them on display. We only do this once a year."

THE AMISH people in Shipshewana receive many curious visitors every year, unlike other Amish communities such as the one in Mennohof, Buerkle said. The Amish Living Days weekend will bring you "up close and personal" to the culture of these people, he said.

"We're close friends," Buerkle said. "They've done many things for me and I've done many things for them."

In Shipshewana, you will view Amish carpenters at work making hickory rockers and chairs. And you will also take a trip to nearby Topeka, Ind., for some time at the flea market and antique shops.

The package price for the Amish Living Days weekend is \$199 per person, which includes three nights

lodging at the Inn, all meals and transportation during the weekend.

THE Wakeman House, which is occupied by the inn, was originally built in 1840 and known as the Western Hotel. It was rebuilt in 1873 by Adams Wakeman.

The interior is designed in the popular style of the post-Civil War era, including a walnut spiral staircase. The owners boast of the big open windows, high ceilings, fan lights and spacious rooms of the inn.

All of the 11 rooms in the inn hold a different atmosphere and cultural setting. From the Marquette Room, a French country room with stenciling, pine furnishings and full bath, to the Sundance Room for a southwestern Indian setting, every spot in the house offers a taste of country living.

THE INN offers event packages or "inn-lightenments," such as the Romantic Package for an interlude

with your loved one. The package offers champagne and flowers in your room, bubble bath, confections and a candlelight dinner at a nearby hideaway.

Other seasonal packages include the Courting Canoe, the Old Tyme Thanksgiving, Country Christmas and the New Years Special.

The inn has several other retreats planned, including a quilt retreat April 20-22 and weekdays, April 22-25. A needlecraft weekend is scheduled for April 27-29, and an herb craft and cooking weekend Sept. 21-23.

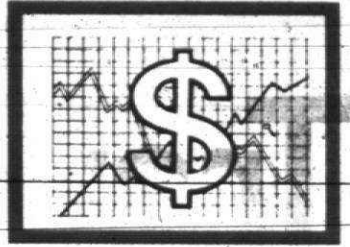
To get to Mendon, take I-94 west heading toward Chicago. When you reach I-69, go south approximately 12 miles and then take M-60 west to Mendon.

For more information on the Mendon Country Inn, or to reserve a spot for the Amish Living Days retreat, call Dick or Dolly Buerkle at (616) 496-8132.

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Marathon markets cleaner gasoline

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Gasoline. Petrol. Fuel. Gas. Go Juice. A rose by any name is still a rose, but not according to Marathon Oil. Marathon Oil introduced a new "reformulated gasoline" on March 26 that it claims will reduce automobile emissions and improve southeast Michigan air quality.

Ed Lodico, Marathon manager of technical services, said the reformulated gasoline — dubbed Amaraclean — will be available in 161 gasoline stations throughout southeastern Michigan. Marathon controls approximately 10 percent of the area's gasoline market.

Available in three grades, Lodico said the gasoline will reduce unburned hydrocarbons by 20 percent and carbon monoxide emissions by 14 percent. The formula changes will not reduce power or harm the engine.

Vapor pressure, a measure of a gasoline's evaporation rate, will be reduced to 9.5 pounds per square inch (PSI) during the summer and 13 psi during the winter — one psi lower than EPA standards, he said.

Aromatics, which increase a gasoline's octane, will be reduced to less than 25 percent — industry standards range from 32 to 41 percent, Lodico said.

Finally, the reformulated gasoline will have an average oxygen content of 1.8 percent achieved through the addition of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), Lodico said. Actual MTBE and oxygen content will vary, but all grades will exceed 1 percent oxygen.

Decreased vapor pressure will reduce the amount of gasoline evaporation into the atmosphere; reduced aromatics and increased oxygen will result in a more complete combustion, he said.

DESPITE THE changes, the Marathon gasoline would not meet the standards proposed in the amendments to the Clean Air Act currently being debated by federal legislators.

A similar, but more complex amendment, was defeated by the senate on March 20.

Edwin Rothschild, environment/policy director for Citizen Action, a public interest group pushing for improved clean air legislation, said Marathon's introduc-



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Marathon unveiled its new "Amaraclean" gasoline in the metropolitan Detroit market, making

it the first official entry in the race to lower auto emissions through differently refined gas.

tion of the reformulated gasoline is commendable and underscores his group's argument.

"If Marathon, one of the smaller of the pantheon of big oil companies, can produce a cleaner, equally powerful gasoline, why can't the big companies?"

"It's time the oil companies start taking some of the responsibility, which is what this is all about," he said.

Rothschild noted Marathon's reformulated gas may fall short of some of the requirements of the Daschle-Harkin amendment, but the progress is a step in the right direction.

"What we have here is the smaller companies realizing there is a need and trying to fill it, while the larger companies are ignoring their responsibility," he said.

The main argument against gasoline changes has been it would cost between 15 and 25 cents more per gallon, Rothschild said. "That's insane. Those numbers are not based on anything factual."

"Marathon is introducing its gasoline at no additional cost — it may increase costs later, but even a few cents per gallon is worthwhile and it proves oil companies can make a better gasoline."

Marathon's Lodico admitted the new gasoline wouldn't match the standards set forth in the Daschle-Harkin amendment supported by the environmental and consumer groups.

it the first official entry in the race to lower auto emissions through differently refined gas.

"I DON'T think anyone can argue this isn't a step in the right direction," he added. "This is a first generation cleaner gasoline."

Lodico said Marathon's decision to test the gasoline in the southeastern Michigan was based on several factors. "First, we're in a unique situation here — we have a new facility at our Detroit area refinery that is capable of producing MTBE."

The Detroit-area refinery is Marathon's only plant capable of producing MTBE. Marathon invested more than \$7 million in the MTBE plant.

Another factor, Lodico said, is southeastern Michigan has been designated by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an ozone non-attainment area. Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw,

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Utility offers cash rebates for upgrades

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Consumers Power Co., natural gas supplier to about half the households in Oakland and Wayne counties, has received the go-ahead from the Public Service Commission to implement a comprehensive energy conservation program for its customers.

The program includes free energy audits, free installation of low-cost, energy-saving conservation devices and cash incentives to upgrade insulation, furnaces and air conditioning systems.

Customers can take advantage of the services on a voluntary basis.

However, all customers will fund the program through a surcharge on their monthly bills — the typical residential gas customer 17 cents, electric customers 11 cents.

The program will begin over the next several months and last three years.

"UNLIKE PREVIOUS energy-audit programs that simply offered advice, these plans include actual installation of energy saving equipment at no cost in homes," said Michael G. Morris, executive vice president for natural gas and marketing for Consumers Power.

The crux of the program is a home energy audit, said Dan Bishop, spokesman for the utility.

Two-person teams will respond and, if necessary, install a showerhead water restricter, an insulation wrap around the water heater and provide two long-life fluorescent lightbulbs.

There will be no charge for any of that to customers. Homeowners serviced by Consumers Power can also receive \$50 cash bonuses for buying refrigerators, freezers and ovens that exceed federal energy guidelines by at least 15 percent.

ALSO, THE UTILITY will reimburse 25 percent of the cost, not to exceed \$1,000, to customers who add insulation or install energy-efficient heating and cooling systems.

Investment firm stable, executive VP maintains

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Shearson Lehman Hutton's recent internal problems shouldn't impact southeast Michigan investors.

Or to paraphrase Mark Twain, the reports of an ailing Shearson Lehman Hutton have been greatly exaggerated.

Recent job layoffs, office closings, cash infusions and a \$350 million swap of Shearson Lehman stock for American Express stock will stabilize America's second largest brokerage firm and set it on the path to financial health, Shearson executive vice president Robert Michelotti said.

The credit card giant previously owned 68 percent of the brokerage firm, but offered to exchange 0.428 shares for each Shearson common share in early March.

American Express now owns 100 percent of Shearson common stock.

The stock swap took place after a week of "intensive rescue efforts and takeover talks" according to Wall Street watchers, that saw American Express pledge a total of \$750 million to back up the brokerage firm's capital, the announcement of 2,000 employee layoffs, and an attempt to merge with Smith Barney, owned by Primerica.

Michelotti, who keeps offices in Birmingham, said investors with Shearson needn't worry about the past few tumultuous weeks.

"The total picture for Shearson in southeast Michigan is bright," he said. In fact, he added, investors who use Shearson should be reassured American Express is making the commitment.

Michelotti said that Shearson's Great Lakes division has even less to worry about than other parts of the country. The region (which includes part of Ohio) is the third most profitable office behind two New York area offices, he said.

THE GREAT Lakes region includes 24 offices and 1,125 employees — 445 in the metropolitan De-



Robert Michelotti

kerage firms, according to Michelotti.

That's not to say that there hasn't been concern on the part of Shearson clients, he said.

"We know as employees what we're doing is still good, but we do read the papers. We've spent a lot of time answering questions and concerns about account insurance and financial integrity," Michelotti said. "Taken time to answer questions we shouldn't have to answer."

"It's worth mentioning that Shearson as a company and Shearson as a broker are separate," he said.

THE RECENT internal problems at Shearson have no effect on investors because all investments are insured just as they would be in a bank, Michelotti said.

"Even when Drexel (Burnham Lambert) went under (filed for bankruptcy), not one investor lost a dime," he said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission transferred Drexel Burnham's accounts to Shearson — which can certainly be construed as a vote of confidence in the company's health, Michelotti noted.

Which isn't to say Shearson was without problems — only that the company has put its problems behind them.

Michelotti said Shearson went through phenomenal growth in the past decade adding several services — including real estate management, limited partnerships and credit resources — to its core investment business.

"Attention wandered from the core of the company — the crown jewel retail division," he said.

Shearson wasn't experienced in real estate purchasing and managing and those areas are already dragging the company down. "We got carried away with making money anyway we could, instead of concentrating on what we do best."

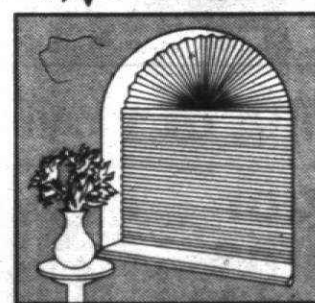
Shearson already is in the process of closing or divesting its non-investment offices, he said, and is returning to the areas it works best in — investment brokering and financial management.

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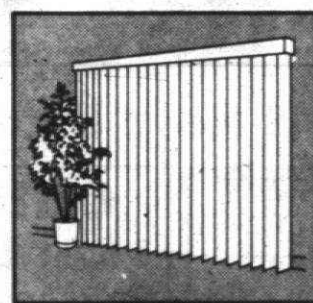
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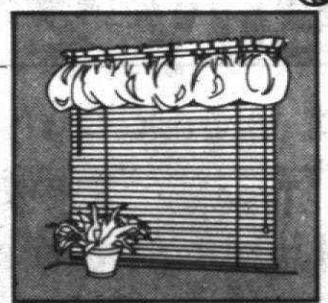
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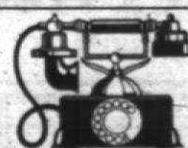


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Rob Robbins, president of Crestwood Dodge Inc. in Garden City, received three awards from Chrysler for sales and service in 1986. The dealership received the Dodge Charger sales award for the 10th straight year. It also received the Mopar Master award for parts and accessories sales and the Five Star Service award for the second straight year.



Robbins

Walter J. Zawissa of Livonia was promoted from assistant director of pulmonary technical services to director of that department with Providence Hospital in Southfield. Zawissa has been with Providence since 1983, holding a variety of positions in respiratory therapy. He is enrolled in a master of science degree program in administration at Madonna College in Livonia.

Dr. Bohdan Z. Danysh joined the Oakwood Hospital medical staff in Dearborn. He is a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology.

Fritz Sanders of Livonia was named manager of engineering test laboratories with Detroit Testing Laboratory, an independent testing company. Before joining Detroit Testing Laboratory, Sanders was manager of functional testing and prototypes for Sheller-Globe. Before that, he was supervisor of the engineering test laboratory at Volkswagen of America for 11 years and a laboratory supervisor at the former American Motors Corp. for 15 years.

Gary Fischer of Westland was appointed director of operations and training at Whiting Distribution Services in Riverview, Mich. Fischer's environmental health and safety background dates to 1974 when he joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's effluent guidelines division as project officer. In 1978 he became a corporate staff environmental engineer for the Ford Motor Co. Later he managed similar programs at American Motors Corp. Most recently, he was involved with industrial hygiene and safety at Chrysler Motors Corp.

Bruce D. Hulman joined Soil and Materials Engineers Inc. in Livonia as a project manager. Hulman brings 18 years of geological experience to his new position.

William G. Sheak has retired as president of Don Blackburn & Co., a Livonia distributor of electronic, electrical and mechanical equipment. He had been with the company since 1952. Sheak has more than 40 years of industrial distribution experience and has held a number of managerial positions with Blackburn & Co., including sales manager, vice president and treasurer.

Conrad J. Weising Jr. was promoted to vice president, management supervisor at Wells, Rich, Greene Inc. Weising joined WRG in 1988 as vice president senior account supervisor.

Leslie J. Freitag of Plymouth was appointed loan administration officer, central loan administration with Commerce Inc. Freitag joined the company in 1986 as a credit analyst. He received a bachelor of arts degree in economics in 1976 from Boston University and a master of business administration degree in 1980 from the University of Michigan.

Gordon L. Stewart was named the recipient of the 1990 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award. Stewart is president of Gordon Chevrolet, Garden City, and Stewart Chevrolet, Woodhaven.

Joseph Bash was appointed vice president of operations with Midwest Communications Technologies in Livonia. Bash had been regional manager. He will be assigned to Midwest corporate offices in Columbus, Ohio.

Ken Wagner, manager of the Livonia State Farm Insurance agency, attended at two-day conference in Chicago that qualifies him to serve as moderator for a Life Underwriter Training Council multi-line class that is being offered in Livonia.

Suzanne Royce was promoted to manager of accounting for development operations of the R.A. DeMatia Co. in Plymouth. Royce is a certified public accountant. She is responsible for overseeing all development finance and accounting activities.

Marathon markets a cleaner gasoline

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Livingston, Lapeer and St. Clair counties all have unacceptable ozone levels. Joseph Calucci, head of the fuels and lubricants department at General Motors research laboratory, said the big three auto companies have been investigating alternative and reformulated fuels for years, but it was only last year that the big oil and big automotive companies joined forces.

More than \$14 million has been committed by the big three automotive companies and eight oil companies to investigate alternative and reformulated fuels, he said.

The biggest virtue of reformulated gas is it can be used in all existing automobiles with no adverse effects, he continued. The reason the gasolines have not been available in the past is government agencies have arbitrarily set restrictions on vapor pressures and additives.

Celeste Bennett of the Michigan Department of Agriculture motor fuel quality division said significant gasoline reformulations must be approved by the EPA and the department, but Marathon's gasoline is not a significant formula change.

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GM's retiring president took a lot of risks

Only Royal Dutch Shell made more money than General Motors last year, and only because they sold off a chunk of real estate for a one-time gain.

That's something GM Chairman Roger Smith points to with some pride, even in the company of disgruntled journalists who have been saying, publicly and privately, that the bean-counters have ruined the company.

Now for the first time in history GM has two bonafide engineers as chairman and president, as Robert Stempel and Lloyd Reuss take over those respective jobs as of Aug. 1, when Smith steps down after nine years running the world's largest industrial corporation.

IT'S AS GOOD a chance as any to lay to rest that tired cliché that ev-



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ed up in a job that had been mainly a custodian of a corporate culture and institutional money for three decades, but Smith never seemed to question GM's fundamental ability to change its ways with a little prodding.

It's also curious how the criticisms Smith first raised himself — that GM was hidebound, slow to adapt, slow to bring technology to market and top-heavy with uninvolved management — ended up the problems

mainly because of the style of the entrepreneurs themselves — a style deeply at odds with Smith's theory of laid-back financial control.

In short order, the new breed of joint partners, first at IBH Holding, then at EDS, either landed in jail or took on the colors of a corporate raider instead of becoming the fiery partner Smith had hoped for.

Ultimately, however, after the dust settled — it began to work. The quiet success of Roger Penske running Detroit Diesel after borrowing and buying the moribund division is the model of what was supposed to happen.

THE BEST case for Roger Smith was the presentation of the Saturn Project, as wild a commitment of corporate money anyone is likely to see in the auto business.

The public awkwardness was there, as was the almost defiant vision of the future posed against a sharp implicit criticism of the old guard of the GM system. And not incidentally, an almost naive underestimation of the capabilities of the Japanese he was attempting to compete with.

All this may not mean much to a guy sitting waiting for an estimate on his broken transmission. Smith's regime at times was indeed rife with misfits and even outright failures. He may well have lost some ground in the present with his eye on the future.

But that's the risk of change, and the willingness to take that risk was the last thing anybody expected from a guy who worked his way up from accounting.

Here are some other ways to save big on a mortgage

By Ted Bugenski, guest writer

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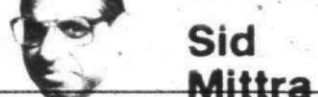
Last week we demonstrated that you can save a bundle by making 13 (instead of 12) payments a year. You must indicate on your 13th payment that it is to be used to reduce the principal. Otherwise, the savings institution might just consider it a payment made a month early and put most of the money toward interest.

But what if you couldn't afford to pay more than \$703 per month. Then are you out of luck? Not really.

Twice-monthly payments — Suppose you can't pay more than \$703 per month, but you could pay \$351.50 (\$703/2) twice a month, since you get paid every two weeks. By making this change, you will reduce the life of your mortgage from 30 to 22 1/2 years and your interest savings would amount to a whopping \$62,387. Incidentally, it would be understandable if you look at these huge savings figures with skepticism. However, these are true savings figures.

Reduction of the term of mortgage — If you are one of the few fortunate homeowners who could make a higher monthly payment, you may wish to convert your 30-year mortgage into a 15-year mortgage. Naturally, your monthly payments would increase from \$703 to \$850 per month. But by doing so you will pay off your mortgage in 15 years and will save \$97,449 in interest charges. Details of the amount of money

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Sid Mittra

that could be saved by making (1) 13 payments a month, (2) bi-monthly payments, or (3) converting the 30-year mortgage into a 15-year mortgage are given in the accompanying table. Clearly, savings in each case are sufficiently attractive to warrant your serious attention.

Benefits extend to existing mortgages — Interest charge reduction strategies apply to existing mortgages as well, although the amount of savings won't be quite as impressive. For example, if you took out a 30-year mortgage on which 19 years are still remaining, you can still save on interest charges by adopting

any one of the three strategies we have discussed. Of course, savings on your mortgage won't be as much as would be the case if you convert a newly approved 30-year mortgage into a 15-year mortgage.

Summing up — In conclusion, there are ways of reducing your interest charges on a conventional mortgage. However, you would be well advised to consult your financial planner before making a move.

Sid Mittra is a professor of finance, school of business at Oakland University and owner of Coordinated Financial Planning.

Savings on mortgage interest

Table with columns: payments per year, duration of payments, mortgage amount, interest charge, total, savings. Shows savings for 12, 13, 26, and 12 payments per year scenarios.

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Advertisement for GANIS HOME LOANS. Features 'LOW MONTHLY PAYMENTS' and a comparison table of loan options from various institutions.

Advertisement for American Red Cross. Features 'SINK OR SWIM?' and a graphic of a swimmer.

Large advertisement for 'The Hottest Ticket in Town!' featuring the Livonia Chamber of Commerce EXPO 275. Includes details about the event, ticket prices, and location.

Advertisement for Dairy Mart. Features various food items and prices: Turkey Breast \$3.99, Premium Swiss Cheese \$2.99, Milk \$1.99, Cooked Ham \$1.99, etc.

Advertisement for 'Networking '90 a business show'. Presented by Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. Includes date (April 17-19, 1990) and location (Mercy Conference Center).

Advertisement for Reid Lighting. Features 'Buy 2 Get 1 Free!' promotion for Track Lighting, Outdoor Lanterns, Recessed Lighting, and Light Bulbs. Includes contact info: 348-4055.

Steps small businesses can take to solve problem

There is a simple seven-step system that has been proven to help business owners and managers effectively resolve problems.

Developed by Herb Mitchell Associates, a California-based management consulting firm, these steps should be followed in the order listed.

Mitchell's group points out that sometimes the problem-solving steps overlap, as it is necessary to work on two or more phases at the same time.

The important point is to understand that all seven steps in the formula must be completed or the system will not work.

Step one of the process involves identifying the real problem. Until you correctly define your problems clearly, concisely and objectively, you are not likely to solve it.

Many times a business owner or manager will waste valuable time working out a solution for the wrong problem — or for one or more symptoms of a larger problem.

In most cases, identifying the real problem is the most difficult and time-consuming step in the problem-solving process. As you move through the remaining steps of this process, you may find yourself returning to this first step to redefine the problem.

NEXT, AN essential step in successful problem solving is to write



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reach our needed profit."

Remember that if you cannot write down your problem in simple and realistic terms, go back to step one. Do not attempt to solve a problem until you can define it clearly in writing.

Also try to avoid the mistake of stacking evidence by confining your information search only to the facts that support your own preconceived ideas.

The best gut feelings for solving problems always come after the facts are gathered, not before.

Next week we will present the remaining steps of the problem-solving process for business owners and managers.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Farmington Hills based business consulting firm. She also is producer and host of the cable television series "Chamber Perspectives."

STEP THREE of the problem solving process is to gather information about your situation. The key is to collect timely, relevant and accurate data that can help you to identify and subsequently evaluate alternative solutions.

It also is important to determine if the information is an established fact, an expert observation or a personal, unformed opinion.

datebook

- Tax help**
Thursday, April 5 — Free IRS tax help session offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Information: Linda Morrow, 421-7338 Ext. 618. Sponsor: Livonia Public Library.
- Export workshop**
Thursday, April 5 — Free workshop, "Managing International Risk," 7-9 p.m. at Kresge Hall of Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Information: 591-5117. Sponsor: Division of business and computer systems of Madonna College.
- Business marketers**
Tuesday, April 10 — Business Marketing Association meets at 11:30 p.m. at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn. Fee: \$15. Information: Chris Sevonty, 624-0431.
- Financial planning**
Tuesdays, April 10 and 24 — "A Lot of People Are Living Off Your Paycheck — How Come You Aren't One of Them?" workshop on money management skills offered 7-9:30 p.m. at Stevenson High School, Livonia. Information: 459-2402. Sponsor: Wordhouse & Associates Inc.
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- Evening language courses**
Monday, April 23 — Spring evening intensive language courses begin at the University of Detroit's McNichols and Renaissance campuses. Languages offered are Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Information: 927-1025.
- Bear market investing**
Thursday, April 26 — Investing in Bear Markets runs 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency of Dearborn in the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Non-member fee \$20. Information: Herman Fox, 851-1833. Sponsor: American Association of Individual Investors.
- Robotics contest**
Sunday, April 29 — The Society of Manufacturing Engineers will host its fourth annual Student Robotics Contest at Henry Ford Museum in Greenfield Village in Dearborn. It's the largest such contest in North America.

Send information for Datebook to the business editor, Observer, 459-2402. Information should be verified. If your item is about something to happen several weeks in the future, it may be run more than once, space permitting. Information should contain a daytime telephone number where information can be verified.

marketplace

Fairwood Medical Clinic of Plymouth hired the Packaged Deal in Southfield as its public relations and marketing agency.

Metro 25-Elli Tire, 19268 Middlebelt, Livonia, received the Metro 25 Most Improved award at a company dealer conference. Just five dealerships from across the country received the award.

Plastipak Packaging Inc. of Plymouth has received the DuPont Award for Plastic Food Packaging in recognition of its development of plastic Spic & Span Pine bottles, made of 100 percent recycled P.E.T. soft drink containers.

Redford Clinic has been added to Total Health Care as a new center. The center is at 22777 Grand River, Redford. The phone number is 538-3800.

Westland Counseling Services opened an office at 8623 N. Wayne Road, Suite 259, Westland. It provides individual, family, marriage and substance abuse counseling, as well as psychiatric evaluations and medication reviews. The telephone number is 422-2355.

David M. Deutsch, owner of DMD Photographic in Livonia, won three of a possible nine honors at the Fredrick Professional Photographic Extravaganza. Deutsch placed first and third in the Unclassified category. He also won the Candid category.

Small-business owners in Michigan can call the U.S. Small Business Administration's toll-free "Answer Desk" telephone service to get help on problems connected with their business and the federal government. The telephone number is 1-800-368-5855. It is staffed during normal business hours.

A free international business service directory is available to any Michigan company doing business abroad. The directory is designed also to help foreign companies move to Michigan. To get a copy, call Mark Santucci at 1-517-373-6390.

Interest rates measure the demand for money



today's investor
Thomas E. O'Hara
of the National Association of Investors Corp.

Q. Please explain the difference between the discount rate, prime rate, federal funds rate and treasury bill, note and bond rates.

A. The discount rate is an interest rate in what the Federal Reserve charges member banks for loans, using government securities or eligible paper as collateral.

This provides a floor on interest rates since banks set their loan rates above the discount rate.

Borrowing from the Fed at the discount rate is not something banks do every day. They only go to the Fed when they are short of reserves.

WHILE the discount rate only applies to banks, the prime rate is one that affects us more as individuals. The prime rate is set by each bank as the rate at which it will loan to its most preferred customers.

While the individual bank sets its prime rate, the market is very competitive and when a major bank makes a change, most others quickly follow suit. If a lead bank makes an change and others do not follow it, it will probably be forced by competition to get back in line with the majority of banks.

WHEN BANKS have money in excess of their reserve requirements, they deposit this money at the Federal Reserve, and this money becomes known as federal funds. Banks lend this money to one another, and the interest rate on them is the federal funds rate.

The rate changes daily and is the most sensitive interest rate. The text books say the rate is a free market rate set by pressure on the banks for money. While that is true, the Fed can affect the rate by the reserve requirement it sets for banks.

Treasury bills are issued weekly for 91 days, 182 days or occasionally a one-year period. An offering announcement is issued on Tuesday, and the auction is the following Monday.

INDIVIDUALS USUALLY pay the price set by the larger bidders. The bills sell at a discount from face value, and "interest" is the difference between the selling price and the face value.

The interest rate on the bill rate is determined by the discount from face value at which the bill is bought.

Individuals can buy treasury bills from their nearest Federal Reserve Bank or branch. They pay a fee if they buy treasury bills from a regular bank or broker.

Treasury notes are also issued by the Treasury Department and have maturities of one to 10 years. The denominations are from \$1,000 to \$1 million or more.

Treasury bonds have maturities of 10 years or more and are also available in units of \$1,000 or more. The rates on both treasury notes and bonds are determined, as are bonds, at the auctions at which they are sold.

Thomas O'Hara welcomes your questions and comments but will answer them only through this column. Readers who send in questions on a general investment subject or on a corporation with broad investor interest and whose questions are used will receive a free one-year subscription to the investment magazine "Better Investing." For a sample copy of "Better Investing" or information about investment clubs, write Today's Investor, P.O. Box 220, Royal Oak, MI 48065.

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April sky features full moon, meteor shower

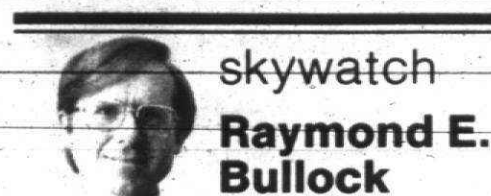
APRIL: THE first full moon of spring brings the return of Daylight Saving Time, Easter, a meteor shower and the year's best evening appearance of Mercury.

All five of the naked-eye planets will be visible this month. Venus, Mars and Saturn will be in the pre-dawn sky; Mercury and Jupiter will be visible after sunset.

The amount of sunlight we receive in April increases by 1 hour and 18 minutes. On April 1, sunrise was at 7:15 a.m. and sunset was at 7:59 p.m. (all times are Eastern Daylight Time), allowing for a possible 12 hours and 43 minutes of sunshine. On April 30 these times are 6:29 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., allowing for 14 hours

and one minute of sunshine. Daylight Savings Time, when we set our clocks forward one hour, always begins on the first Sunday in April. We do not alter the speed of Earth's rotation or the length of the day, we merely alter the device by which time is measured.

A little more than 100 years ago there were no standardized time zones. Everyone kept "local" time. "Noontime" was when the sun was due south and the shadow cast by a stick was at its shortest. Of course, local noon in Detroit was different from noon in Lansing, which was different from Grand Rapids, and so on. At one time Michigan had 27 local time zones.



skywatch
Raymond E. Bullock

RAILROADS WERE having an impossible time scheduling their arrivals and departures. In 1893 the railroads divided the country into four main time zones. These standard time zones were not immediately accepted by all the public, but over the course of years standard time became the norm. It wasn't until 35 years later that Congress, acting in its usual hasty manner, made the standard time zones the law of the land.

Michigan was originally in the Central Time Zone because we are geographically closer to the Central

and extra hour of daylight in the evening at the expense of a later sunrise and extra hour of darkness in the morning.

The moon is in the constellation of Leo the lion on the evening of the 5th. The star above and to the left of the moon is Regulus, the "heart" of the lion.

VENUS AND MARS are easily visible before sunrise in the east southeast. Venus is the brightest object in the morning sky, Mars, not as bright, is 10 degrees to the south (right) of Venus.

Full Moon is at 11:18 p.m. on April 9. It is located opposite the sun, as seen from the earth, and is fully lighted. The moon will rise in the east southeast at the sun sets in the west northwest, be visible all night, and set in the west southwest at the sun rises in the east northeast. The star to the left of the moon is Spica (SPY-ca) in Virgo.

Cobo hosts science fair

Work by 2,600 metro area high school students will be on display through Saturday at the 33rd Science and Engineering Fair in the Michigan Hall of the Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center on Detroit's riverfront.

Viewing of exhibits will be open to the public today and Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Students in grades 7-12, representing more than 160 schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, are expected to participate, making it one of the largest science fairs in the United States.

Their exhibits will deal with advanced research and study in robotics, cryogenics and biology. Eight grand award winners will represent Detroit May 6-12 at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Tulsa, Okla. Grand award winners will be saluted at a noon luncheon Friday in room W153 of Cobo Center.



Skunk cabbage is our earliest spring wildflower. So early, in fact, that it can be seen appearing through snow.

This flower's so hot it melts snow

Birds arriving from their southern wintering grounds and flowers emerging from the soil are two events that herald the advent of spring.

One flower that is "anxious" to greet the new season of growth is the skunk cabbage. It is our earliest spring wildflower. So early, in fact, that it can be seen appearing through snow.

A blanket of snow does not stop this flower from blooming. Though the temperatures may be cold, skunk cabbage can produce its own heat. New flowers protruding through the snow produce enough heat to melt the snow immediately around it.

TEMPERATURES of the plant have been recorded to be 27 degrees warmer than the surrounding air. Warm temperatures provide a couple of advantages for the plant. First, of course, is that it will not freeze when temperatures are cold, which allows it to get a jump on the growing season.



nature
Timothy Nowicki

cover enclosing the actual flower is reddish and resembles decaying meat. If a portion of the stem, leaf, or flower cover is broken, one can readily detect the odor of skunk. Cabbage appears in the name because this plant produces large leathery ear like leaves, similar to cabbage. It cannot be eaten like cabbage, because there are calcium oxalate crystals in the leaves

which would cause the mucus membranes of animals to "burn." Though it is very distasteful, skunk cabbage was listed in the United States Pharmacopeia for over 60 years. It was used to relieve cramps and spasms, bad coughs, asthma, lockjaw, epilepsy and rheumatism. There was even a time when it was used for a contraceptive to cause sterility in humans.

Next time you cross over a stream or walk in a moist woodland like that found at Troy's nature center, look for the skunk cabbage. Timothy Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Nature Center in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

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SC sponsors safety class
Classes in motorcycle safety for riders of various skill levels will be held this spring and summer at Schoolcraft College.
A beginning course in motorcycle safety, including braking, obstacle avoidance and turning, will be offered for riders under 18 and for those who have twice failed the state licensing test. The course fee is \$25.
A course is also being offered for experienced riders, who wish to sharpen their skills. Participants must provide their own motorcycles and gear. The course includes the state skills test.
A new course will also be offered in advanced turning, braking and obstacle avoidance.
A fourth course is being offered in instructor training. Skilled motorcyclists can earn \$8-\$18 per hour as instructors.
Additional information is available by calling Vince Consiglio, 684-5576.

Hole-in-one pays million
Golfers are invited to try their luck at a \$1 million hole-in-one shoot sponsored by Wayne County Parks.
Qualifiers from four preliminary contests will be eligible for the finals 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Warren Valley Golf Course, Dearborn Heights.
Preliminary events will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on successive weekends April 28-29 and May 5-6.
Thirty qualifiers will compete in the finals.
Golfers qualify by being the closest to the pin during the \$1-a-shot preliminaries. Golfers may attempt as many shots as they wish.
Shots are taken from the 140-160 yard range.
Anyone who makes a hole-in-one during the finals will receive a \$1 million prize, payable at \$25,000 a year for 40 years.
Coupons for two free shots are available by calling Wayne County Parks, 261-1990, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

College plans nature walks
Wildflower walks on the nature trails of Livonia Bicentennial Park will be April 16 through May 25.
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Pets of the week

Patches, a domestic short hair male kitten, and Roxanne, a female Labrador-mix puppy, need homes. Patches (Control No. 269810) is litter trained and good with children. Roxanne (Control No. 269781) is good with children and pets. To adopt these pets or others, or to check for lost pets, call the Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society, 721-7300. The center is at 37255 Marquette, Westland.

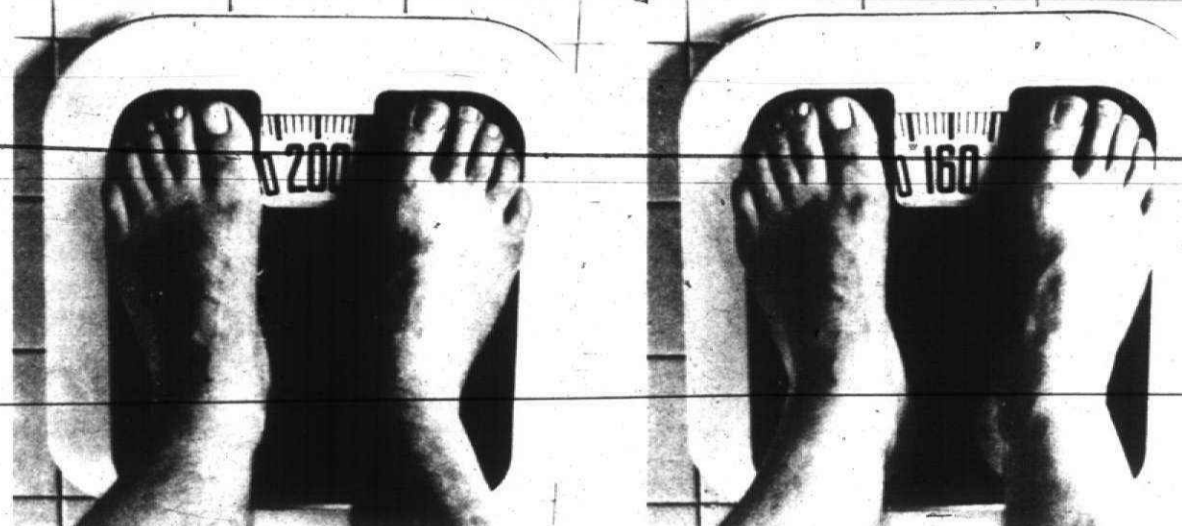
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Thursday, April 19 — Breast Cancer Support Group will meet 2-4 p.m. at Michigan Cancer Foundation, 744 Wing St., Plymouth. The April 26 meeting will be 7-9 p.m. at 110 E. Warren in Detroit. Call Annamary Morgan at 833-0710, Ext. 225.

Canton library activities

Book discussion
Tuesday, April 10 — "Masquerade: A True Story of Seduction, Compulsion and Murder" by Lowell Cuffiel will be discussed at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Personal computers

Thursday, April 19 — IBM customer engineer Gordon Kisabeth will trace the development of personal computers over the last decade, present a brief overview and answer questions on specific applications. Meet at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Registration begins after 9:30 a.m. April 16 by phone or in person. Call 397-0999.

Sports

Softball
Register now — Both the Plym-

outh and Canton Parks and Recreation Departments have begun registration for Men's, Women's and Co-ed Slow Pitch Leagues. Call 455-8620 (Plymouth) or 397-1000 (Canton).

Men's Golf League

Wednesday, April 25 — New players can register until league is full. League plays 5-5:55 p.m. Wednesdays at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Call the Canton Parks and Recreation office at 397-5110 for information.

Seniors

Trips
The Canton Recreation Center is sponsoring the following trips for Canton Seniors: Selfridge Air Base (April 26-28, Chicago, three days); Friday, May 11, \$289; Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg, Pa., five days, Friday, May 11; Chesaning Showboat, starting Phyllis Diller, Friday, July 13, \$24; and New England, six days, Wednesday, Oct. 24, \$599. Call 397-5444.

City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the following trips: Westgate Dinner Theater to see "Singing in the Rain," Thursday, April 5; Paw Paw Wigery, Saturday, April 28; Ballreich Potato Chip Factory, Friday, May 18; 5 day trip to St. Louis and Hannibal, Mo., Friday, June 15; and Bearcreek Farms, Thursday, Aug. 16. Call 455-6620 for information.

Seniors golf league

Begins Tuesday, May 8 — Anyone 50 and over may register now at Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. League meets 9 a.m. Tuesdays at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Registration fee

is \$10, plus weekly greens fees. League meeting will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Canton Township Administration Building.

Adult trips

French Canada
Tuesday-Monday, May 8-14 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a trip to Canada, departing on May 8 for seven days and six nights. Tour price is \$619. For information, call 455-6620.

Paris, France

June 26-July 9 — David Groen, French teacher at Livonia's Stevenson High School will escort 24 adults to France. Price is \$2,595. Space is limited. Call 455-5810 for information.

YOUTH

Ages 10-under

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 14 — Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an egg hunt for Canton children ages 10 and under at 10 a.m. at Griffin Community Park (Canton Center Road side). Children will be grouped by age and will search Griffin Park for goodies and special prizes. Parents are asked to car pool as parking space is limited. Call 397-5110 for information.

Ages 8-14

Junior League Football
Saturday, April 28 — Players/Cheerleaders aged 8-14 may sign up

for the Plymouth Canton Steelers Junior League Football, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Canton High School Cafeteria. Cost is \$50 per player, \$40 per cheerleader and \$135 Family Maximum. For more information, call Sue Herman at 455-7299. Bring a birth certificate, signed and dated by parent or guardian for the files. Cheerleading spots are limited and many times unavailable. Please call ahead.

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Special education
The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offers a program for children with special needs from birth to age 6. If you have a child who has mental, physical or emotional difficulties or has a vision, speech or hearing problem and needs special educational services, call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger Elementary School at 451-6660.

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Family activities

Craft fairs and sales
Friday-Saturday, April 6-7 — Handcrafters present their show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, two blocks west of Center (Sheldon) on Main Street in Northville. Lunch is available. No strollers, please. Admission is \$1.50.
Friday-Sunday, April 6-8 — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will host its show 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission is free. Call 455-6620 for information.

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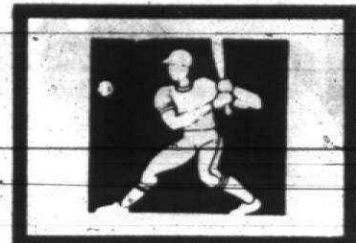
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Canton welcomes freshman pitcher

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

At the start of pre-season practice, Plymouth Canton softball coach Dave Racer assumed senior Stacey Thompson would be his No. 1 pitcher again.

That was fine for Canton. After all, Thompson earned 18 of the team's 20 victories last season and was named to the All-Observer team.

But it wasn't necessarily best for Thompson, a versatile player who could possibly benefit more by playing another position.

Enter freshman Kelly Holmes. She has been so impressive despite her lack of varsity and fast-pitch experience that Racer designated her as the top pitcher and, by so doing, allowed him to be flexible in assigning Thompson.



Stacey Thompson
all-area softball player

"THAT'S REALLY going to be a plus for us," Racer said. "I can get Thompson behind the plate, which is really her position. She's going to go on and play college ball, and that's the position she's going to play."

Thompson, who played catcher last summer for the Foster Oilers — a successful 19-and-under women's team, hit .443 and knocked in 33 runs last year for Canton. She added three home runs, 10 stolen bases and 28 runs to her offensive stats.

"I've had a lot of coaches in the league tell me she's one of the best catchers in the state," Racer said, "and this gives me the chance to get her back there and get her some recognition."

And though Thompson was 18-6 with 85 strikeouts in 150 innings, the pitching won't suffer in her absence, either. Racer believes the Chiefs stumbled upon a hidden treasure when Holmes entered the picture.

"It's so unexpected to have a girl like this walk into your program," he said. "I didn't know anything about

her. Otherwise, I would've had her in the summer program last year."

In a recent scrimmage with Taylor Center, which features all-state pitcher Wendy Jamula, Holmes pitched two innings of hitless, scoreless softball. She did the same for three innings against Richmond, and Canton won both games.

"I CAN'T SAY enough about her," Racer said. "It was just a plus when she showed up for practice."

Thompson will continue to pitch in a back-up role, and her move to catcher allows Racer to break sophomore Renay Dory in slowly at that position.

Despite having a younger team this year, Racer expects the Chiefs to continue the successful trend begun by the last ballclub, which set a school record for wins with a 20-8 record and was second behind Northville in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton lost eight starters and re-

softball

turns only three players from that team — Thompson, senior Jennifer Vanootighem and senior Val Gildhaus, who will share captain responsibilities with Thompson.

"A lot of coaches might say it's a rebuilding year," Racer said, "but I don't think so. I think we're going to win some games. We're looking for good things from this group of girls."

"We had a goal to win 20 games last year. Even though we have a young team, I think they're ready to pick it up, and we're looking at 25 games. If we get to the championship games in those (Plymouth and Lakeland) tournaments, we'll be playing 34 games."

Sophomore Julie Nicastrri will play first base, and junior Jenny Sekovich and Gildhaus are vying for Beth Racer's old position at second base.

"WE HAD THE all-league first baseman in Stacey Arnold last year, and right now I'd compare Julie with her," Racer said.

Junior Ester Buzuvis was a catcher/outfielder on the JV but has won the starting shortstop job, and junior Chris Ford will play third base.

Vanootighem, who was Thompson's pitching back-up, has moved into a starting role in center field.

"With the addition of Kelly, we'll put Vanny in center and let her go," Racer said. "She's gotta be the quickest girl in the league. We've been working on the drag bunt with her, and it's coming along."

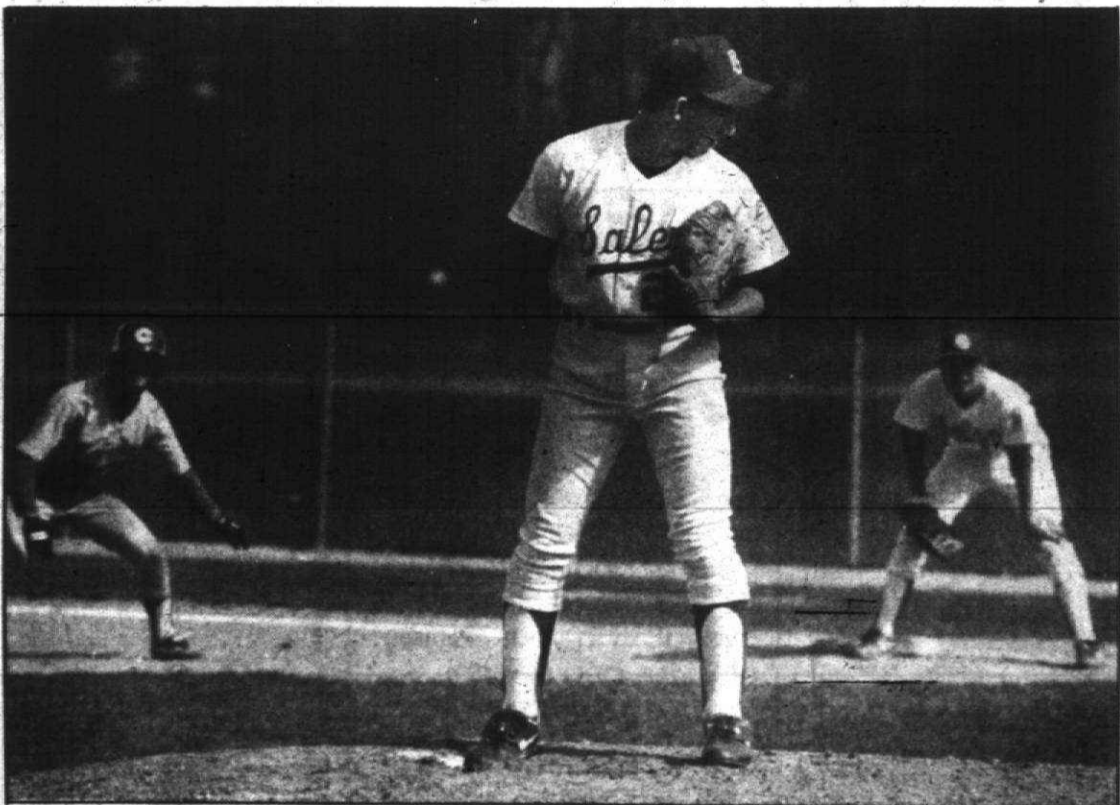
Junior April Galici is the right fielder, and either junior Bridget DeRosa or junior Ann Hooper will

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Stacey Thompson will continue to help Canton with her bat, but she moves to catcher this year after being the pitching ace for two years.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Rob Kowalski enters the 1990 season as one of Salem's top pitchers. He was outstanding in relief last year and will help offensively this year, too.

Veterans boost Salem

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Playing experience is the difference between this year's Plymouth Salem baseball team and the Rocks a year ago at this time.

It's not that Salem has a veteran player at every position, but the Rocks have more known talent than at the start of last season.

Salem was 13-10 overall but compiled a 12-4 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association and tied with Farmington Hills Harrison for the league championship. The Rocks return 11 players from that team, including all-WLAA second baseman Tom Noonan.

"Fortunately, we were able to get playing time for a lot of juniors," coach John Gravin said, "so we're not too inexperienced this year."

Two years ago we had so many good seniors — we won 22 ballgames with that team — that the juniors didn't get much playing time. Our strength this year may be that we're experienced in key places."

NOONAN, HOWEVER, is the only returning starter on the infield. Second base is "truly his position," according to Gravin, but Noonan, who hit .458 in the league and .383 overall, might be needed at shortstop.

"When you've got an all-conference player back everybody looks to him for leadership," Gravin said. "He's the guy who's going to make us go. Tom is going to run the show."

baseball

The Rocks have experienced pitchers in senior Rob Kowalski and junior Scott Rodgers. Kowalski, who excelled as a reliever, was 3-2 and Rodgers 3-1.

Kowalski, who quarterbacked Salem's football team to an 8-1 record last fall, had some difficulty as a starter but pitched out of bases-loaded, no-out jams three times in relief, including the game that clinched the Lakes Division title.

"When the game is on the line, he's somebody you can always turn to," Gravin said.

The Rocks also return left-handed senior Dave Makowicz and will rely on senior Jeff Paluk and juniors Jeff Belisle and Eric Nielson for pitching depth. The latter three played JV ball, and Paluk, who played for the first time last year, has developed into a good baseball player, according to Gravin.

"WE'LL GO WITH Rob and Scott and see how it works out," Gravin said. "If one of the other kids comes on, we could use Rob as a closer. Rob is swinging the bat well this year, and he's probably going to do some DHing."

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Rocks plan to challenge in WLAA

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Only two teams were better than Plymouth Salem in Western Lakes Activities Association girls track and field last year.

But it so happens those two, defending champ Farmington and Livonia Stevenson, are Lakes Division rivals of the Rocks and also are expected to produce strong teams once again.

Salem coach Mark Gregor believes his team is improved and will continue to challenge the WLAA's other powers for the title.

"This year we've really added talent and, if things progress, we should be in the hunt at the end," he said. "We're getting better, it's a matter of putting it together."

The Rocks, 3-2 in division duals and 6-2 overall, return one of the area's top athletes in senior tri-captain Jennifer Harris, who excels in the high jump and hurdles. She enters the season with a career best of 5-2 in the high jump.

"I THINK she's a little stronger and a little better on technique," Gregor said. "I think she could go another two inches this year."

She's in much better condition and did a lot of work in the off season. She's taken a more aggressive approach to conditioning.

Harris will have a good supporting cast in the high jump. Freshman Yolanda Jackson can jump 5 feet, and sophomores Martha Bol and Darcie Miller add depth. Freshman Cindi Pfaffler isn't far behind those three, according to Gregor.

In the long jump, Salem can boast of having the last two WLAA champions — juniors Tracy Livermore and Kim Ploucha. Livermore jumped 15-11 to win the title last year, and Ploucha won it two years ago. Freshman Dana Driscoll is around 15 feet, also.

Senior Christina Simpson didn't compete last year after suffering a knee injury in basketball, but she will lead the Rocks in the weight events. She threw the discus more than 100 feet two years ago and can exceed 30 feet in the shot put, according to Gregor. Junior Krista Frence and sophomores Kelly Austin and Nikki Santilli will support Simpson in those events.

Harris has best times of 15.7 in the 100-meter hurdles and 47.6 in the 300, the latter being a school record.



Jennifer Harris is one of Observerland's top female track and field athletes. She hopes to qualify for state in the hurdles and also is a fine high jumper. Salem expects to contend for the WLAA championship again.

"SHE HAS the goal of making it to state in one of those events," Gregor said. "I think the 300 hurdles is her best chance."

Sophomore Theresa Giachero is only a stride behind Harris in the 100 hurdles and a couple in the 300, according to Gregor, who adds "I think she'll be a good one down the road." Senior Michelle Dobransky, Platter and sophomore Cheryl Ann Paravantes are good hurdlers, too.

"(The distance runners) could make us a bonafide contender in the conference, because we're pretty solid the rest of the way around the track and in the field."

—Mark Gregor
Salem track coach

girls track

nya Wheeler are the newcomers for whom Gregor has such high expectations. Sophomore Alison Fyke and first-year junior Sarah Rietze run the 200 and 400, and sophomore Carla Kehrer specializes in the 400.

The distance events could hold the key to how successful a season the Rocks eventually have. Salem girls cross country coach Mike Krafchak coaches the distance runners and has split his charges into middle- and long-distance competitors.

SENIOR JENNY MARSHKE heads the list of 800 runners. She has run 2:30 and Gregor hopes she can duplicate or exceed that. Marshke also is part of the 3200 relay.

Other half milers include junior Trisha Bansel, sophomores Jill Czaplinski and Beth Taromaha and freshmen Sharon Bansel, Cory Gulkiewicz and Stacy Wittboff.

Senior tri-captain Tammy Hickey is the top distance runner. She missed going to state by less than a second last year, Gregor said.

"She's anxious to get going, and I'm sure she'll have a great season if she stays healthy," Gregor said.

Hickey will be supported by seniors Alison Rybski, Kerri Slider and Cathy Boyd and juniors Holly Sody, Fayal Parekh and Debbie Chamberlain in the open 1600 and 3200 runs.

"If they stay healthy and continue to be determined about their conditioning," Gregor said, "we could be right there. They could make us a bonafide contender in the conference, because we're pretty solid the rest of the way around the track and in the field. If we can put that part of it together, we could have a real good team."

LIVERMORE WILL be a key figure in the relay combinations, running the 400 and 800 and possibly even the 1600. Jackson, Wheeler, Kinnelly and Ploucha are other sprint relay possibilities.

"I think we'll try to put all of our speed on the track for the relays — let them take off and see what happens," Gregor said. "They're as fast as anybody without a baton. As the weather warms, I think we could have nice times out of all the relays."

The Rocks begin the season today with a WLAA crossover dual meet at Livonia Churchill.



Jason Dembny is one of the true veterans on Canton's baseball team, beginning his third year as the starting catcher.

Senior trio paces Chiefs

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

baseball

Six players who were instrumental in Plymouth Canton having a 23-8 record and winning a district championship last year are continuing their baseball careers at the collegiate level.

Pitching ace Mike Sulak is at Eastern Michigan, pitcher/outfielder Jeff Kugelman, Ohio State; first baseman Mike Culver, Kansas City Junior College; shortstop Derek Humphries, Western Michigan; second baseman Mikio Tanaka, the University of Tokyo, and pitcher Brian Paupore, Hillsdale College.

With graduation losses of that magnitude, one might expect a down year of the Chiefs, but that's not the way veteran coach Fred Crissey sees the situation.

"With a handful of varsity holdovers, including three starters, Canton expects to remain a perennial contender in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs, like Plymouth Salem, have added more non-league games this year under a new WLAA format. There is only one crossover date between divisions, and the winners will meet in late May to decide the WLAA title.

"WE'RE LOOKING forward to being competitive," Crissey said. "But when you're playing the state champs (Harper Woods Notre Dame), the Catholic League champs (Warren DeLaSalle) and a Final Four team like (Redford) Catholic Central, your record may suffer a little."

"We tried to play the juniors as much as possible, and (Geoff) Allen, (Jason) Dembny and (Ron) Grob were starters even with the seniors we had. That's why we feel we'll be able to challenge, able to compete."

Allen will move from third base to replace Humphries at shortstop. He batted .330 last year. The right-handed senior was 3-1 pitching and also will be part of an important mound trio.

assume starting roles at first, second and third. Junior Jason Crain will play short when Allen pitches.

"(Barlow) was in the same boat as Anthony in that we had 'Culver there," Crissey said, adding he split time between JV and varsity. "He's a long-ball hitter. He can hit the ball out of the park. He's going to give us some punch."

"(Frige) is a spray hitter, a contact hitter who runs well. Robinson played all three infield spots last year. He's a lot like Frige, a spray hitter and solid defensively."

"We didn't play as well last year as we should have (on the infield)," he added, "and we feel that cost us a regional title. We've worked real hard with the infield, and we know there's a challenge there."

Senior returnee Dave Makara will start in center field, and the right fielder will be one of three juniors and former JV players.

Chris James hit .330 and had six stolen bases in a brief varsity stint, and Mike Wougamon and Jason Riggs also managed to earn a varsity letter. All three hit over .340 on the JV. Senior Shawn Branam could help in the role of designated hitter.

Canton opens the season Saturday with a double-header at home against Westland John Glenn.

"BEING A SENIOR, he should have his best year," Crissey said. "The two places you don't want to be light are pitcher and catcher. I think he'll provide us with leadership back there."

Grob also is a three-year regular and will return to left field. He has never hit less than .300 and possesses good power, according to Crissey.

"His attitude is the kind you'd like every kid to have," he said. "He comes to the ballpark to play."

"He gets himself up and down, because he's an emotional ballplayer. He has to channel his energy, so he doesn't get down down."

Helping with the pitching will be left-handed senior John Anthony and right-handed junior Scott Kennedy.

Because the varsity had Sulak, Kugelman and Paupore last year, Anthony pitched mostly for the JV team and was its top winner with seven victories. Kennedy spent most of the year on the JV, too, but had a 2-1 varsity record.

"That's basically the trio right there, and we hope to find two more," Crissey said. "What's going to make the difference, with as many games as we play, is who ends up four and five."

SENIOR RETURNEES Ron Barlow, Jim Frige and Chris Robinson

Rocks more experienced

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Though only a junior, Scott Niemiec already is a veteran backstop. He did 50 percent of the catching last year and hit .369.

"When you trust an all-important position to a 10th grader, he's gotta be pretty special," Gravin said. "Defensively, he's much improved. He's going to throw some runners out without too much difficulty."

Salem returns senior Brian Rudolph in center field. Rudolph, who hit .303, is a good bunter with great speed who will bat in the leadoff or No. 2 position, according to Gravin.

Senior returnee Steve Mantay and junior Kevin Craggs will see time in the outfield, and Rodgers and Makowicz will figure prominently at those positions, too.

"We're going to depend on them for some offense," said Gravin of Rodgers and Makowicz, "so who they're not pitching they'll be in the outfield or DHing. We have only a few left-handed hitters, and Makowicz is one of them."

KOWALSKI AND senior Chad Johnson will complement those two in providing Salem with offensive punch.

"Kowalski is starting to assert

himself as a hitter, and he's ready to step in and contribute," Gravin said. "Johnson had a two-home-run day last year, and he might find himself in the DH spot if he gets hot with the bat."

"I think we're going to be a little better than we were a year ago at the plate. We have a little more team speed and more guys who can swing the bat."

The Rocks lost shortstop Dan Hanson to graduation, but Gravin plans to try junior Tom Davey or sophomore Ed Gundry there before deciding if Noonan is needed at that key position.

Last year's most valuable player, first baseman Eric Sheehan, is gone, too, and either senior returnee Tracey Ewald or Beislie will become the new starter there.

Senior Bill Randall, who was the back-up to Noonan at second base, will play third base this year. Beislie

and Nielson can play the position, too.

"(Randall) looks like a natural," Gravin said. "With most of the infield graduated, we moved him over to get a look at him, and he looks like he should have been there all along."

THE ROCKS open the season Thursday when they play defending WLAA co-champ Harrison at home.

The WLAA has changed its format this year. Instead of declaring a champion based on overall league record, the WLAA will match the two division winners against each other in a championship game on Monday, May 21.

"If we play defense, I think we can be in every game," Gravin said. "I think we're going to be an exciting team that way. With the experience we have on the mound, I'd like to think our pitchers are going to keep us in every game."

Canton has young team

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flank Vanotighem in left field. Hooper is another of the team's surprise players.

"She did some catching on the JV," Racer said. "She said she was going to play on the varsity this year, but I didn't think she'd make the team. She's the type — well, she proved us wrong. She's really been swinging the bat well, and she'll probably end up starting in the game Thursday."

Denise Kostol and Dawn Connor are juniors and additional outfielders who played JV softball last year. Sekovich, Buzvis, Ford, Galici and DeRosa also were on the JV team, Nicastri the freshman squad.

The Chiefs open the season today with a WLAA crossover game at Westland John Glenn.

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Falcons have right stuff for title chase

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

If championships were decided in the preseason and based on a team's number of veteran players, Farmington would easily win the Western Lakes Activities Association baseball title.

Though the Falcons must survive an always-tough WLAAs schedule, most coaches would agree Farmington has the talent to do just that.

The Falcons have 12 lettermen on their roster, six of whom are returning starters or ones who played a lot last season. Fourteen of 16 players are seniors.

Coach Kevin Kansman admits he has high expectations of his team but cautions the Falcons must stay together, remain focused and strive to reach individual goals as well as team objectives.

"I wouldn't put limits on this team," Kansman said. "Anything can happen. We set our goal to win the whole shooting match, but we have to go one game at a time."

"When you haven't done it, you can't run before you walk."

FARMINGTON hasn't been among the WLAAs' more successful teams in recent years, finishing 7-9 in the league and sharing sixth place last season. The Falcons were 4-6 in the Lakes Division and 10-13 overall.

But this could be Farmington's year. With as many seniors and experienced players as they, the Falcons have the foundation to reach the next level.

"It's been working up to this," Kansman said. "These guys are baseball players. Some play in the summer, and some only play this sport."

"It's a great group. Keeping them on their goals is something you always try to do, but if we can do that this year, some great things can happen."

"Farmington certainly boasts one of the most impressive pitching staffs in the area, with five hurlers who have considerable mound time.

Left-hander Chris Schmid (9-3) leads the pitching corp that includes right-handers Brian Vicchio (1-1), Scott Lakatos (1-2), Eric Miller (1-2) and Kevin Young (1-1).

"ALL OF THOSE guys are pitchers, not just throwers or somebody you stick on the mound," Kansman said.

Schmid's 35.6 innings was second only to graduated starter Norm Celineke, and he led the team in strikeouts (44) and starts (7). He also had a 2.75 earned run average and a

good strikeout-to-walk ratio with 19 free passes.

Lakatos was the third most-used pitcher with 31 innings. His 2.48 ERA led the team, and he had 23 strikeouts compared to 15 walks. The games he lost were one-run setbacks and were decided in the seventh inning.

Vicchio is the hardest thrower on the team, according to Kansman, and hopes to solve the control problems he had last year. Miller, who usually pitched the second game of double-headers, is throwing harder, Kansman said.

Senior Mark Vellucci, who has been busy playing for the unbeaten Compuware hockey team, didn't play baseball last year but can pitch with either arm.

Farmington's best player might be right fielder P.J. Green, who won all-division honors after batting .414 in the leadoff spot. He led the team with six doubles and also scored 16 runs.

And the Falcons have another good one in center fielder Kevin Young, who was tops last year with a .490 average. He collected 25 hits and was a threat on the basepaths with a team-high eight stolen bases.

LAKATOS AND VELLUCCI are additional first basemen, and returnees Mark Mitchell and Brian Poniatoski will provide around the infield. Lakatos hit .333 with four doubles and seven RBI.

"The whole team, all the way around, is strong," Kansman said. "There isn't a weak spot."

The Falcons have a veteran catcher in Gary Sheip, who began last season as the backup to Wilson but eventually won the starting job. He batted .320 in 25 plate appearances. Wilson will continue as the backup catcher.

"He's only been behind the plate a year and a half," Kansman said of Sheip, "but last year he got a lot of experience. He's a guy you can count on, too."

Seniors Don Ensing and Eric Menser are varsity catchovers, and Don Plumley and John Gilbert are the team's only juniors. Plumley played JV ball, and Gilbert is new to the district this year.

who has ever won a varsity game."

THE OTHER three victories last season were achieved by junior Gary Devine, who was 3-0 with a 3.45 earned run average. He's likely to be the ace of the staff this year.

Herrington adds Murray von only one game as a junior, and the new team WLAAs format this year — only division games count, games are played on Monday and Thursday — might enable a team to get by with one pitcher.

Senior returnees Jon Schaeffer and Brian Ellison will do some pitching, and junior Drew Rick looks as if he could be a good pitcher, according to Herrington. Schaeffer pitched only three innings last season but gets the ball over the plate, he added.

"Eleven of our 15 players are throwers," Herrington said. "They may have to pitch somewhere along that line, so we may be rotating a couple around."

Senior Eric Wiesner, the last of the four holdovers, was MacDonal's back-up and becomes the regular catcher this year.

Schaeffer, who hit .302, started at third base but moves to first. Ellison was the regular second baseman but will take Lichtenman's place at shortstop.

"HE'S ONE of our best infielders, and we felt we needed him there," Herrington said. "If you don't have a

Hawks have modest goals

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Coach John Herrington expressed grave concerns about his Farmington Hills Harrison baseball team's hitting ability one year ago.

The Hawks proved those trepidations were unfounded by posting a 20-8 record, winning a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association title and capturing a Class B district championship.

Herrington would like to think his team can rise above any preseason doubts once again, but that might be asking too much this year.

Harrison has only four lettermen, including two starters, back from the 1989 team, which might have won a regional crown, too, if not for an untimely injury to star pitcher Craig Murray.

"Our goal this year is to have a winning season," Herrington said. "If we can win more than we lose, that would be great. Anything we do beyond that will be outstanding."

IN WHAT might seem to be a contradiction, Harrison lacks what the last team had — some known hitters, though perhaps not for power. Gone are such dependable batters

good shortstop, you really can't win. He has a good glove, and his arm is strong enough to play shortstop."

The Hawks will be young at the other infield positions. Sophomores Nick Budor and Mike Pesci, both of whom played on the JV team, will start at second and third, respectively.

"The youth and varsity inexperience" will hurt us in some early games," Herrington said, "but, hopefully, we can come around."

"The outfield could be Harrison's strength, according to Herrington. Devine, who hit .350 and had a school-record 10 doubles, will play center field. He also scored 19 runs, received 17 walks and stole 13 bases.

"He's a legitimate all-league type player," Herrington said.

A pair of juniors will man the other outfield positions. Andy Smith, also a quarterback and all-area baseball player, will play in left and Birmingham Brother Rice transfer Daryl Ferguson in right.

The left-handed Smith has good power and hit in the mid .300s for Harrison's JV team, Herrington said. Sophomore Dan Hight adds depth to the outfield.

"Between the four of them, we should have a very fast outfield," Herrington said.

Raiders must fill voids

By Ray Setlock staff writer

North Farmington baseball coach Iv Horwitz says many things are up in the air concerning this year's team.

Voids in the pitching staff and the loss of all-area slugger Joe Sturtz have the veteran coach wondering how competitive the Raiders will be this season.

"Losing Joe really hurt," Horwitz said. "Filling his position is going to be hard. We also have a lot of holes in our pitching staff. Pitching will definitely be a key for us."

Junior Andrew Margolik will be the ace of North's young pitching staff. He finished last season with an impressive 6-1 record and will help the Raiders improve on last year's 12-11 mark.

"ANDREW GIVES us hope," Horwitz said. "The rest of our pitching staff will consist of guys who played for the junior varsity team last season. It's hard to predict how they'll do at the varsity level."

The Raiders will be strong up the middle, returning both shortstop Chris White and second baseman T.J. Orman.

"White, a three-sport junior, had a .370 batting average last season. We are definitely strong up the middle," Horwitz said. "These two players are tough."

Senior Jason Hamill and Jeff Reje will compete for the catching position. The one that doesn't catch, Horwitz says, will play third base.

When Margolik is not pitching, he will handle the chores at first base, along with junior Brian Goterman.

"Brian was a strong hitter on the junior varsity team last year," Horwitz said. "We are strong at first base."

SENIOR MIKE Collins will be the key man in the outfield for the Raiders, playing left field. Horwitz says the other outfield positions are undecided.

"We are hurting in the outfield," he said. "Hopefully, we can get some help from guys who played junior varsity last season."

"Horwitz says he is not making any promises regarding this year's team but says he expects a few surprises.

"The team has a good attitude," Horwitz said. "It's the best it has been in a long time. The team's nucleus is strong and with a few surprises we can be a good team."

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The '79 Canton Hornets finished first in two indoor boys soccer leagues last winter. The team was 7-0-1 in the select bracket at Total Soccer and, playing up an age group in the '78 division, was 9-0 at the Canton Soccerdom.

Team members are Matt Amos, Ryan Blazny, Adam Bross, Sean Kearney, Brett Konley, Nick Iason, Jason Gibson, Scott Lowe, Tim Makins, Tim Parent, Michael Pedry, Andy Power, Alec Ras, Billy Scherle, Eric Sarault and Ryan Winkler.

The Hornets, coached by Phil LaJoy, will travel to Louisville, Ky., for a tournament April 20-22.

● GOLF LEAGUES

A Tuesday morning seniors golf league begins play at 9 a.m. May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The league is open to any area golfer age 50 or older.

The fee is \$10 to register plus weekly greens fees. Registration begins Monday, April 2, by mail or in person at Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., 48188.

There will be a league meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Canton Township Administration Building.

A men's golf league, sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will begin this season on Wednesday, April 25, at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

The registration and greens fees for the first 10 weeks is \$135. Space is limited to 36 golfers. Only Canton residents are eligible.

● Canton Parks and Recreation Services will have a women's golf league, too. The season begins with tee-off at 9 a.m. Friday, May 4, at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Registration is now underway.

Zebra mussel intrudes on Great Lakes

dropping a biological time bomb in our lakes. They are still very new to us, and we really don't know how big of a problem they'll present in the future.

THE INVASION is on. The zebra mussel has arrived. Although relatively new to the waters of the Great Lakes, the zebra mussel is already causing an uproar among boaters, anglers, recreationalist and some lake shore industrial and commercial communities.

Increased colonization of the zebra mussels — specifically in Lake Erie — has raised such concerns among sport fishers that it prompted shore organizers to devote two seminars to the topic last week-end at the Southeastern Michigan Sportfishing Expo at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The zebra mussel has been a resident of most European lakes for the last 200 years, but more recently has found a new home in the Great Lakes.

In 1985, the zebra mussel landed in Lake St. Clair, transported there in the ballast of international cargo ships.

One theory about why we haven't seen the zebra mussel any sooner is that Europe has been on a clean water kick for the past several years. Prior to this time, the commercial parties would have been simply too polluted for the mussel to survive.

Now the question that arises is: What effect will the zebra mussel have on our freshwater lakes?

ADULT ZEBRA MUSSELS, which can live up to six years and grow up to two inches in length, are generally about the size of a fingernail. They'll attach themselves to any non-toxic hard surface such as reefs, rocks, boats, outdrives, outboard motor lower units, docks, intake pipes and mussels.

In many instances, the mussels attach to other zebra mussels, which rapidly produces a thick bed of mussels. These beds in some parts of Lake Erie now contain up to 70,000 mussels per square meter.

"European lakes have developed with the zebra mussel, but our lakes haven't," said Fred Snyder, sea grant extension specialist. Snyder conducted a symposium on the subject at the Auburn Hills show.

"Now that they are here, it's like

outdoors

Bill Parker

will be the food chain seriously be affected by the zebra mussel. The potential is there, but at this early stage we really don't know yet," Snyder said. "I think there will be some changes, but let's not sell our boats just yet."

ITS NOT JUST the anglers and boaters that will feel the effect of the zebra mussel.

Lake shore industry has already been affected.

Since the mussel attaches itself to hard surfaces, intake pipes on electric and water treatment plants become prime targets for colonization. When this occurs, pipes become partially or totally clogged, which limits the pumping capacity.

Last summer, a clogged intake pipe at a Monroe electric facility caused a generator to shut down.

Because of this method of discharging unused matter, plankton — which is the base of the Great Lakes food chain — is removed from the water and unavailable for microscopic crustaceans, which feed many larval and juvenile fish, and plankton-feeding forage fish, which support the sport and commercial fisheries in the Great Lakes.

When reefs become covered with colonies of zebra mussels, problems may arise in the reproduction cycle of reef-spawning fish such as walleye and smallmouth bass.

Zebra mussels attach themselves to reefs, then on top of each other and sometimes form layers several inches thick. As hundreds of thousands of zebra mussels release the pseudofeces in the reef area, the area may become unlivable for hatching fry.

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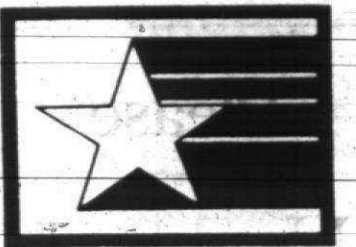
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Their specialty is good clean fun

By Cathie Weidenbach Special writer

Greg Hall and Robin Brant describe the comedy skits they put together for their ensemble, the Early Monday Morning Show, as good, clean, strip, silly humor.

Their shows combining skits, commercials and a bit of music, as well as spotlight solo segments, have been compared to Carol Burnett and Second City productions — corny, sprinkled with slapstick and featuring absurd characters, but essentially clean.

Hall remembers when a member of their audience said he loved the show and only later realized that the group didn't do anything dirty.

"WE ALSO TRY to stay away from political humor," Hall says. Brant adds, "That stuff gets dated fast. We go for ageless comedy."

The Early Monday Morning Show will do a two-hour benefit performance at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday at the Attic to help the downtown theater resolve its financial problems. The company is booked at Joe's Comedy and Sports Emporium in Allen Park on Wednesday-Saturday, May 23-26, and at Joe's Comedy Club in Livonia on Wednesday-Saturday, July 18-21.

Hall remembers when a member of their audience said he loved the show and only later realized that the group didn't do anything dirty.

He hopes to introduce someday when he has become a "known" entertainer. His movie scripts run the gamut from "silly cornball comedy and superhero fantasy to heavy drama."

Where do they get their ideas? From life experience, they agree, and launch into a story about how the three old men, their favorite characters, came to be. One day Hall and Brant played hooky from work and hung out in a bar featuring 35-cent draft beers. "There was nobody under the age of 90 in the place," Brant recalls.

HALL AND BRANT went home and created three outrageous old codgers who have become regulars in the ensemble's collection of loony characters audiences love. Hall and Brant also play a pair of loutish country boys known as the Phlem Brothers. Hall says, "They're the most asinine, stupid country people, and they solve the great unsolved mysteries like What Is Big Foot? Who Shot Kennedy? and Is Elvis Dead?"

Greg Hall is a big, easy guy with a beard. He often sports a Seattle Sea Hawks cap on his head and slapdash clothes that unconventionally combine bold patterns and Walt Disney colors. He describes himself as "looking like a bear" — a nice bear as in Smokey the —.

By day, he works for a market research company finding out people's reactions to products proposed for the car industry. The research company was looking for interviewers, and when Hall said he had been a talk show host and worked on cable television, he got the job because they figured he could talk well with people.

Hall grew up in Maryland and he says he was "shy and introverted in grade school." He remembers the day he gave an oral presentation and

discovered his aptitude for comedy. The assignment called for partners. "I didn't have a partner," he says, "so I brought my sister's hideous, ratty-haired baby doll to be my co-anchor. I became kind of popular after that. Everybody said, 'Hey, you're a funny guy.'"

From his grade school smash debut as a rookie comedian, he honed his talents by watching the masters. "I grew up in the 'Saturday Night Live' generation," he says, and explains he can watch Bill Murray movies over and over and over. "Jonathan Winters is a master of improvisation, he adds, but says his own style "leans toward the witty dialogue of Groucho Marx."

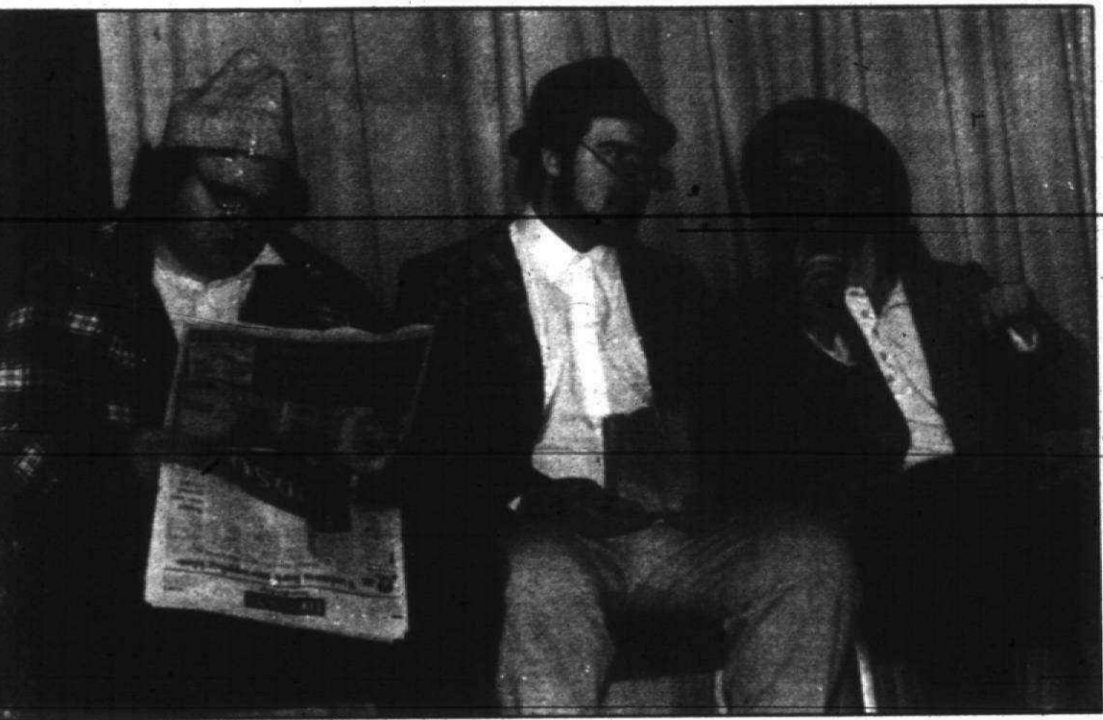
DURING HIGH SCHOOL he started a comedy group called none other than the Early Monday Morning Show because its first steady booking was Sunday nights and the group's members used to joke that they performed early Monday mornings. He brought the offbeat name with him nearly five years ago when his family moved to Troy, where his father still lives.

Hall says of himself, "I'm just a mutant, the lunatic son in a family of very conservative nine to five types" — except for his grandmother. The gene with the devilish sense of humor must skip generations because Hall says, "Some of my best stuff comes from my grandmother."

Brant, on the other hand, describes his whole family as "a tad left of center. When you go to the house, you never know what to expect." Brant, who lives in Troy, met Hall when they were working at the same club. A commercial artist by day, Brant designed the Bad Boys logo and creates all the Pistons T-shirt art. He often wears sweatshirts blazoning with his own designs.

Brant says of his initiation into comedy, "I remember joking my way out of a lot of fights, like a Spiderman character, so I wouldn't get my face beat in." His sense of humor got him into as much trouble as it got him out of.

"I got into trouble doing improvisations of the high school teachers," he says of his years at Notre Dame



In Three Old Men skit (above) are Andy and Brant (below) appear in a skit as the Phlem Brothers. Early Monday Morning Show ensemble. Hall

High School. "In fact, I got into trouble so often they put me on the P.A. making announcements so they knew where I was at all times."

That led to doing voices on the radio for Jim Harper and Dick Purtan. He played sports for a while until, "Everybody in football grew except me." During high school he took every art class available and performed in "Grease," "Pirates of Penzance" and "South Pacific." He says of his favorite comedians, "I'm a sucker for Jerry Lewis and Chevy Chase" — performers whose slapstick hilarity is much like his own.

Where will this talent for making people laugh lead? All the way to the top, the partners predict. Hall and Brant hope their show will kick open doors. They feed each other success fantasies of doing movies, going on national tour, becoming celebrities of such magnitude they will have the tongue-in-cheek good fortune to be featured in the National Enquirer.

Seriously, they would like to create a Second City in Detroit, stay home and raise three or four wacky kids and get paid to live life doing exactly what they want to do, — having fun making people laugh.



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Eying family problems in 'Morning's at Seven'

Performances of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Morning's at Seven" continue through Saturday, April 7, at the Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road... As usual, the Plymouth Theater Guild utilizes a very competent array of actors, who had only four weeks to prepare for their roles.

review

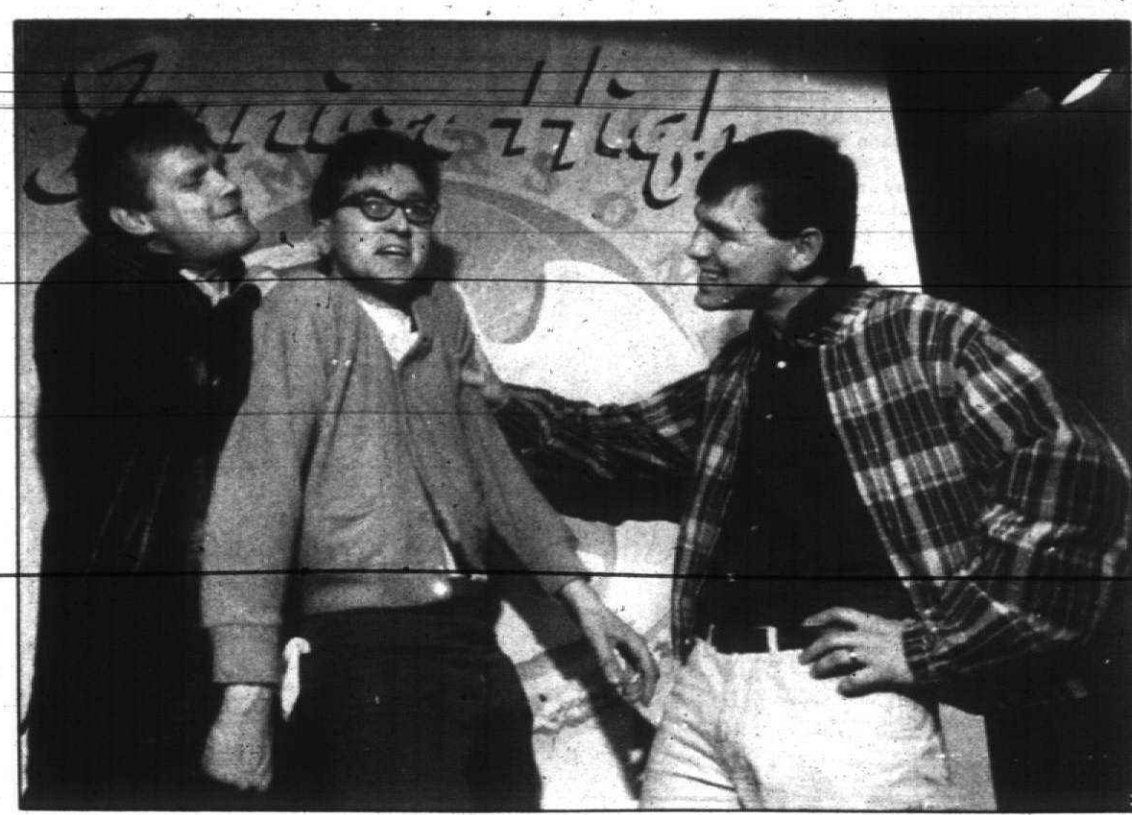
As usual, the Plymouth Theater Guild utilizes a very competent array of actors, who had only four weeks to prepare for their roles. The most poignant aspect of the play is the presentation of the older people's lust, anger, fear, humor and other passions. Osborn examines these issues with humor and insight in one of the rare plays about older lives.

It's the fourth time, but musical is still fresh

Performances of the Trinity House Theatre production of "Junior High" by Paul Patton continue through Saturday, April 28, in Livonia. Tickets are \$6. For reservations call 464-6302.

review

Staging the musical "Junior High" is becoming a regular occurrence at the Trinity House Theatre. The Livonia group is putting on the show for the fourth time since it was written in 1981. In spite of the numerous times the musical has been done by Trinity House, it continues to wear well, and played to a sell-out house Saturday evening.



Dan Grajek as Benny Hopkins (center) gets and Dan Rimer as Ken Coffee in the musical "Junior High" by Paul Patton.

review

Although the show is set in a junior high, some people may find the circumstances and characters more appropriate for a high school setting. It depends on the playgoer's background as to where these events fit. One thing which does seem out of place is the way the show closes. Usually when the cast takes its bows and the finale is played that is the end of the show.

Dan Grajek as Benny Hopkins, through whose eyes we see the story, gives a fine portrayal of the wimpy Benny.

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● **Baseball comedy**
 With cooperation from the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Repertory Theatre presents the Michigan premiere of Steve Kluger's "Bulpen: A Detroit Tiger Baseball Comedy." "Bulpen" runs through May 6, Thursday-Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets and the Detroit Repertory Box Office (868-1347).

● **Frog Island**
 The Ark announces the expansion of and dates for the 1990 Frog Island Festival. This year's festival adds another full day of music, making it a complete weekend of concerts under a big tent by the Huron River in Ypsilanti's Depot Town on Friday-Sunday, June 22-24. Showtimes will be 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to

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● **Easter Bunny**
 Performances by Ann Arbor's Mask Puppet Theatre will be presented at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township. The story is "The Missing Easter Bunny," where Rainbow Rabbit gets a case of the flu the week before Easter. Children will see how Mayor Wolf and the Egg Family save Easter for children around the world. After a 30-minute performance children will have the opportunity to meet the puppets and puppeteers and make envelope puppets of their own.

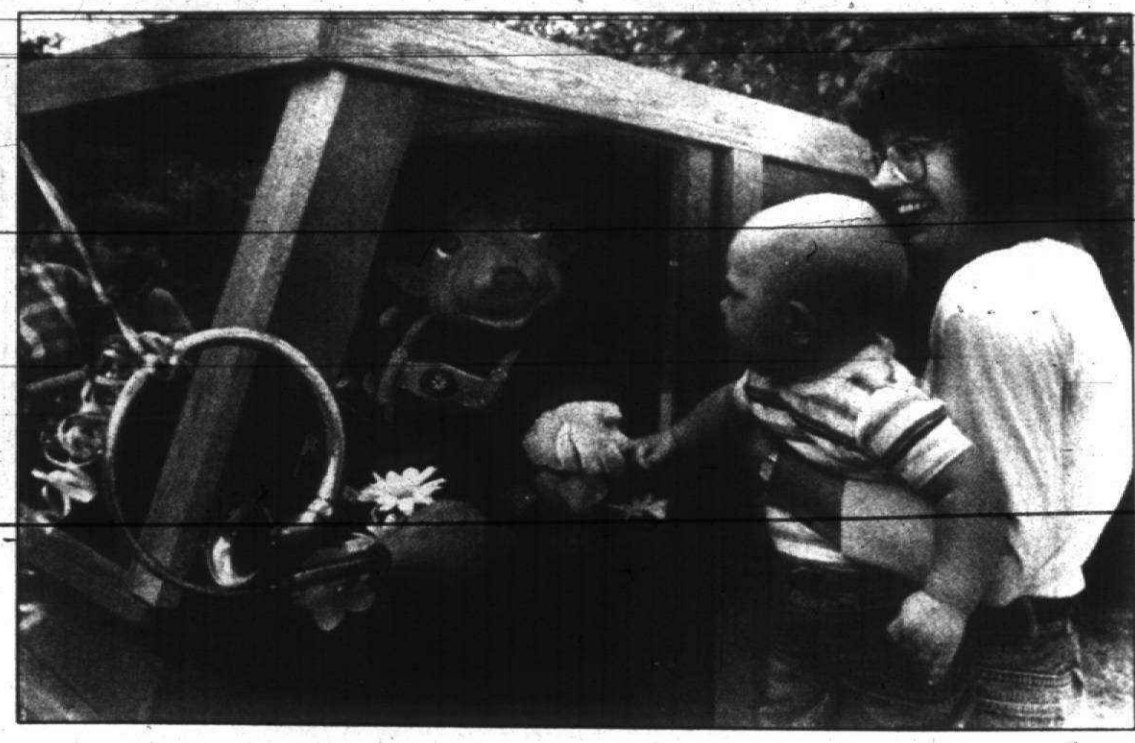
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● **Comedy show**
 Fridays-Saturdays in April offer the Bob Pusch Comedy Show at 9 and 11 p.m. at Duffy's Waterford Inn in Union Lake. Cover charge is \$7. Call 363-9469 for more information.



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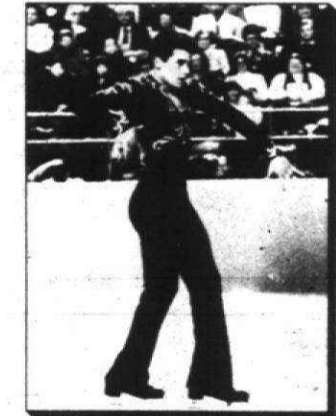
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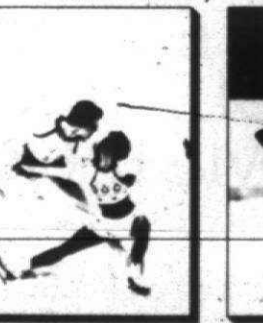
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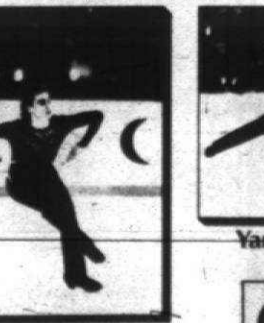
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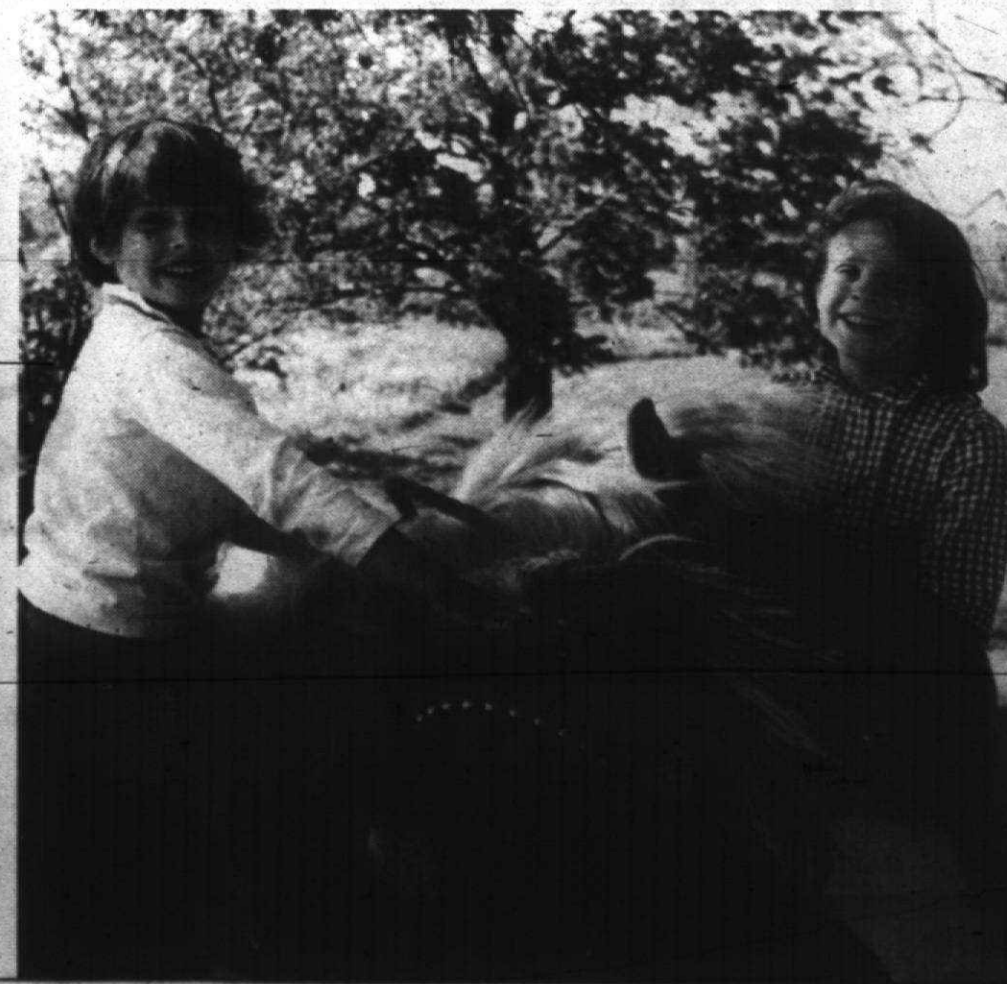
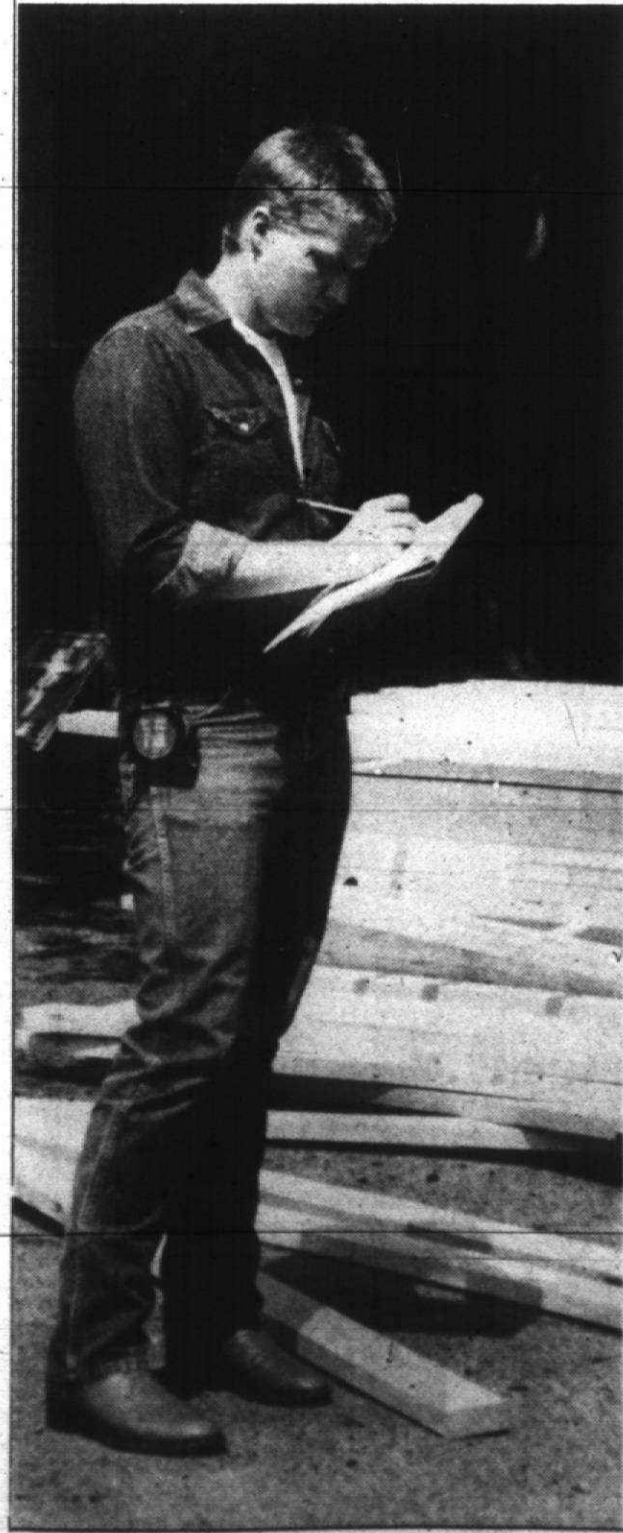
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'The Immigrant' a warm, rags-to-riches story

The Michigan premiere engagement of "The Immigrant: A Hamilton County Album" by Mark Harelik continues through Sunday, April 22, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300.

town of Hamilton, Texas, is at once the rags-to-riches story of one hard-working immigrant and a four-character drama about friendship bridging differences.

Slides of Cossack persecutions in Russia, ships crowded with steerage passengers and snapshots of the growing Harelik family in American give the texture of history to one man's story and make it represent the larger immigrant experience.

"The Immigrant" is a warmly human story — tender and tough with the resilience of immigrants

The story of Haskell Harelik, a Yidish-speaking Jew who fled persecution and pogroms in his native Russian to immigrate to the little



Cathle Breidenbach

who had no choice but to work hard to survive. The story and the grass-roots goodness of the characters overcome flaws in the play's focus and problems with pacing that make the second act drag.

The Meadow Brook production is wonderfully acted by David Breitbarth as Haskell, Pauline Lepor as

his wife Leah, John Sterling Arnold as Milton Perry and Jayne Houdyshell as Milton Perry's wife, Ima. Whether Breitbarth is speaking in Yiddish, in accented English or in a red-blooded Texas drawl as Haskell's son, he is a master of communication and never loses his dignity.

IMAGINE HERELIK in 1909

traveling alone and nearly penniless to a backwater Texas town. Imagine him selling bananas door to door from a rickety cart when he could speak only a few broken words of English. Imagine being the first Jew in a town filled with born-again Southern Baptists. Life wasn't easy.

When Haskell first arrives, the Perrys take him in. Milton, the stiff suspicious town banker, overcomes his natural reserve and sets Haskell up in business. Through the years, as the three Harelik sons are born, the wives develop a friendship despite their different roots and religious beliefs.

Jayne Houdyshell's performance as the buxom housewife with a kind heart rings true with every line, and Pauline Lepor as Leah evolves convincingly from a frightened foreigner to a woman at home in her new world. As Haskell's family and his business thrive, the friendship between the two couples does also. The story of their friendship with its differences and its misunderstandings provides the core of the drama within the larger story of Haskell's life.

Fine acting and an engaging story about good-hearted folk makes for warm entertainment but not for wonderful theater.

For starters, director Howard J. Millman sets a leisurely pace that lingers over every event like a Texas drawl lingers over vowels. Theoretically the slow-moving pace ought to suit a play set in the South early in the century, but the pace subtly undermines movement of the story, especially in the second act which has additional dramatic difficulties.

PART OF THE problem is that the tale is true, a multi-generational family saga written by Mark Harelik, grandson of the real immigrant Haskell Harelik. Fact shouldn't dictate the shape of the drama, but author Harelik lets them when he feels obliged to carry the story of his grandfather's life through to the end when the old man dies just short of his 100th birthday.

Core of the play's dramatic action revolves around the friendship between two couples. The climax and resolution of that story, however, happens long before old Haskell dies. The playwright should have stopped while he was ahead. Instead, he drags out his grandfather's remaining years with a couple of pseudo endings that bog down an otherwise warm and engaging story brought to life by an outstanding cast.

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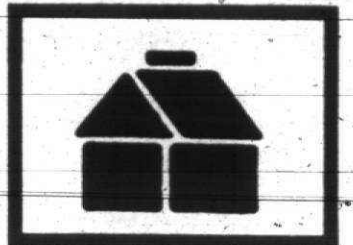
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Seducer 'Don G' rates lavish treatment



Director designer John Pascoe adjusts Renee Fleming's costume for her role of Donna Elvira in "Don Giovanni" at Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Marianna

Christos will be wearing a similar costume when she sings the Donna Elvira role in Detroit later this month.

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

"Don Giovanni and Donna Elvira are virgins," English designer/director John Pascoe said quite naively over a cup of tea at the Daytonian Hilton in Dayton, Ohio.

His production of "Don Giovanni," a joint project of the Michigan Opera Theatre, Opera Pacific and Dayton Opera, would open at the Dayton Opera in three hours.

It opens Saturday, April 21, at the Masonic Temple with the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"I think the derivation of the word playboy or 'playing boy' best describes Don G," Pascoe said in his distinguished accent.

"He is a little boy who has never grown up. I don't see him at all as being sinister. He is a charmer who has always gotten his way. He seduces everyone with his apparent goodness."

PASCOE'S UNBELIEVABLE concept of the notorious seducer of Seville is lost in the sensuality of his staging of the Mozart opera, especially in the lurid final scene.

In the story, Don G, as Pascoe calls him, attempts to seduce all the women despite constant interference by a persistent Donna Elvira.

"I believe that Donna Elvira is Don G's God-given wife," Pascoe said.

In Pascoe's production, she isn't played as a half-crazed, red-haired lover, but a woman deeply in love.

Pascoe said he perceives her much in the tradition of women of the 18th century — in the image of the Virgin Mary — the reason he sets her aria "Mi tradi" un-

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— John Pascoe

der the Virgin's statue in the Cathedral of Seville.

PASCOE IS KNOWN for his opulent sets and use of lavish materials. Last year, audiences raved about his "Norma" for Joan Sutherland. This year's darkly lighted production with its rich reds and creams had the same effect on audiences at Opera Pacific.

Pascoe isn't discussing how the costumes were carefully constructed in London or how the sets were built in Portland, Ore., based on his Goya-inspired designs.

The fair-haired, 41-year-old Pascoe is totally absorbed by what he calls the magic of the illusive morality tale of the "Stone Guest."

"DON GIOVANNI" takes place in a 24-hour period in Seville (in this production).

As the opera opens, Don G has tried to rape Donna Anna and kills her father. He then happens upon a wedding and attempts to seduce the bride, Zerlina.

As his group of offended increases, Don Giovanni continues his attempts until the murdered commendatore returns from the dead to claim his life.

Pascoe has set his production at the time of Mozart and placed several scenes in the Cathedral of Seville.

During the overture he has added a

controversial scene from Don Giovanni's childhood inspired by Goya's "Madonna with Flagellants" where men whip themselves to gain God's favor. Don G cries as he is forced to watch.

"DON GIOVANNI is a member of the aristocratic class on the same social set with Don Ottavio," Pascoe said as he quoted Italian passages of the libretto. "That explains why it is so hard for them to accept his guilt."

Besides the overture scene, Pascoe interjects religious elements throughout the opera.

Before Donna Elvira enters the ball at Don Giovanni's villa, a priest warns her not to go and then blesses her. In the ball scene, the action is separated by an enormous black drapery with gold crosses.

The moralistic ending tacked on after Don G's death has been dropped, as Mozart did in the opera's Vienna premiere. This production ends with the death of Don Giovanni.

PASCOE HAS been playing with theater designs with carved wood, draperies and flashlights since he first heard Sutherland and Callas sing when he was 13.

Since graduating with honors from Wimbledon School of Art in London, he has been working for the world's top opera houses — Covent Garden, Paris Opera, Sydney Opera, the Metropolitan Opera and others.

After this performance, Pascoe will go immediately to New York to meet with Pavarotti's managers. He doesn't have the slightest idea for what, he said.

"I hope one day people will say about my work that John puts the music on stage," Pascoe said.

Ars Poetica fills the cultural gap

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

A newcomer to the metropolitan music scene, Ars Poetica Chamber Orchestra, will give its inaugural concert at 8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Orchestra Hall. It will be royally welcomed by many major figures in the arts from the local to the state level, who are on the list of ticket and boxholders.

This ensemble was founded and is directed by Anatoli Cheiniouk, Russian defector who now lives in Grosse Pointe. Gail W. Rector, most recently artistic adviser to Orchestra Hall and for many years president of the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor, is president of the board.

Certainly one of the key people is making this dream into a reality is Dr. Diedre Golden-Dutka, board vice president. She has few peers as an organizer/implementer. While Rector, Golden-Dutka and an impressive group of board members including Gillian Von Drehle, Franklin, vice president, give the fledgling group a much needed, strong support system, it is the quality of the music that will be put to the test on April 30.

CHEINIOUK WAS a soloist and member of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, directed by Rudolf Barshai from 1968 to 1980. He has toured throughout the world with that ensemble and as a soloist with the Moscow Virtuosi, directed by Vladimir Spivakov, a group he helped found. He has participated in the major European festivals and made recordings in Russia and the U.S.

He said of Barshai who now lives in Paris, "He created his own school — each of us (in the orchestra) have now founded their own chamber orchestra. Moscow Chamber Orchestra was the first chamber orchestra in the Soviet Union."

He said the idea to form an orchestra "has always been with me." When he began to choose musi-



Anatoli Cheiniouk.

'These musicians are among the elite of this country.'

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cians for Ars Poetica, he said he sought the same level of quality he had known with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra.

Ars Poetica is made up of 10 musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, eight from the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, one each from the Chicago, Ohio and Windsor symphony orchestras and one unaffiliated. All are veteran musicians, one is a principal and two are assistant principals.

Cheiniouk said, "These musicians are among the elite of this country." Later he added, "There are no strangers in chamber music — they are really united by the love of chamber music."

GOLDEN-DUTKA, MOTHER of three young sons (they study with Cheiniouk), who is working on a degree in psychiatry and has worked diligently for more than two years on behalf of Ars Poetica, said slowly and quietly with a fleck of Dublin Irish still on her tongue, "You do it for the music. You do it for the city. You do it for the culture."

Ever since they began, these three have been both pragmatists and dreamers — Cheiniouk to wrestle with the unwieldy details of scheduling rehearsals for musicians from more than a dozen cities and different orchestras, Golden-Dutka and Rector to find money and support for the concept. Their dreams, when they allow themselves to indulge, are of the positive impact Ars Poetica will have on Michigan and how this well-packaged chamber orchestra could be an important cultural force worldwide. The field in Michigan is wide open since the Detroit Symphony won't have a chamber orchestra after this season and there aren't any others around.

MARTHA AARONS, flute, member of Ars Poetica and the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, will be the soloist in Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 2 in D Major K-314 at the April 30 concert.

Other works on the program are the Divertimento in F Major K-138 by Mozart, Five Minuets with Six Trios by Schubert, the Symphonie No. 49 in F Major "La Passione" by Haydn and the Sonata No. 3 in C Major for String Orchestra by Rossini.

Tickets for the reception and concert are \$50 and for the concert only \$25 and \$15. To order, call the Orchestra Hall box office, 633-3700.



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Ed Levine stands between "Buffalo Dancer on 7th Ave." on the left and "Trinity." He said he still wants to do more paintings in this series.

Whose town is this anyhow?

By Louise Okrutsky
special writer

Edward Levine juxtaposes the ancient with the modern, the joyous with the bleak in his series of oils on canvas, "Without Reservation." His work is handled by Xochipilli Gallery, Birmingham.

Native American figures in colorful tribal dress are seen as surprising parts of urban landscapes in New York City and Los Angeles street. In New York, another rides regally on an I-beam hoisted over a busy street.

"I've always been interested in American Indian art from the turn of the century," Levine said.

"The whole idea of a culture being able to survive 500 years of European domination is extraordinary. In spite of this immense army of occupation, tribal and clan roots still survive."

Through the years, he's taken photos of native American social and ceremonial dances whenever permission was granted.

Those photographs weren't on his mind when he began the series a couple of years ago with the Los Angeles street scene. After trying several more conventional figures in the scene, he painted in the native American in full dress talking on the phone.

"Nothing else worked," he said.

FROM THEN ON, the Royal Oak-based artist used his collection

of photographs of different tribal dancers for what turned out to be a series of paintings.

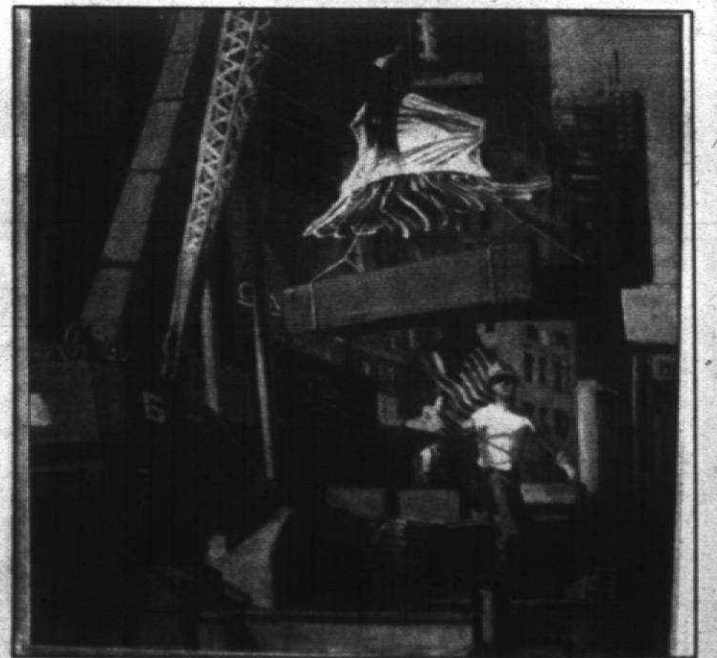
Some figures are whimsically incongruous with their scenes while others take part in small dramas. On a freeway ramp in Los Angeles, a dancer stands with his back to the viewer and in the path of an oncoming truck.

Although it calls to mind the scene in Tiananmen Square in which one man stands in front of a tank, Levine says he started the painting before that incident happened. "It took me a long time. I started this picture and then Tiananmen Square happened. It was too much. There was something about that image. I stopped working for two months on this painting."

He was afraid that the image would be repeated by others so many times it would lose its impact.

In a more whimsical scene on a New York street a young native American boy dances as a taxi passes him. His movements echo the stamp of frustration made by anyone who's had a tough time flagging a cab. At the same time the boy dancer looks joyful in his brightly colored costume.

Even the bleak streets of New York are painted in colors that seem to be brightened by an unseen sun. His intense colors are inspired by the time he spent in Los Ange-



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

"Shawi Dancer on West 57th St." is the name of this Levine painting.

les, Levine said.

THE SERIES isn't finished. Possibilities still present themselves to him. A Pueblo ceremonial room, a kiva with its mystical implications calls to his mind images of a subway. He's working at another painting in the series showing one

man in American Indian dress holding a flag.

"When I got into it it was just cityscapes. I don't feel I'm quite finished with this."

Xochipilli Gallery, 568 N. Woodward, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

book break

Victoria Diaz

New Kienzle mystery follows true to form

"Masquerade" by William X. Kienzle (267 pp., Andrews & McMeel, \$15.95)

William Kienzle once said something to the effect that his books, like bedbugs, always come out in the spring.

Well, it's spring and, sure enough, there's a new Father Koesler mystery at your bookstore. Believe it or not, this is Kienzle's 12th mystery tale. "The Rosary Murders," his first, was published way back in 1979.

In the lively new whodunit, "Masquerade," faithful readers will find such familiar figures as the immitable Inspector Walter Komnicki, along with Detroit's crack detective, Alonzo "Zoo" Tully, and, of course, that lovable amateur sleuth, Father Robert Koesler.

"Masquerade" takes place on the secluded campus of Detroit's Marygrove College, where a Trappist monk, an Episcopal priest, a rabbi and a nun have gathered to speak at a writers' conference.

All, in addition to their religious vocation, are mystery novelists. In addition, all have shadowy pasts.

ROUNDING OUT THE cast of "Masquerade" are the Episcopal priest's wife, the director of the conference, and Klaus Krieg, a televangelist and founder of the P.O. (Praise God) Press, who specializes in publishing super-sleaze, often set against a "religious" background.

Brought together at Marygrove, the group soon is faced with a strange, confounding murder — and the whodunit game is afoot.

Koesler, with his seemingly infinite knowledge of church matters and his insight into the human soul, is, of course, at the forefront of the ensuing investigation.

In this tale, which is a bit reminiscent of Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians," the star of the story is

No such thing as too much color

Q. There's nothing I like better than indulging myself with as many colors around me as possible. I particularly like the deep, rich colors currently popular in fashion, such as magenta, violet, teal, persimmon red and blue. Could you tell me how I could tastefully use these colors in my apartment? I don't want to fall back on using them as accents with white.

A. You can have an elegant apartment using as many colors as you like if you understand and apply four key design techniques: Arrange color by its tone, or dark or light value, as much as you do by the quality of color itself; introduce textural variations of each color; incorporate a pattern that combines at least three of the colors used throughout the room; and pay a lot more attention to detail such as borders, welting, and accessories than you would if you were dealing with more conventional, soft colors.

Start by designing which color will become the key background color. In this instance, a slightly greyed, middle-tone violet would be suitable because it is a color that bridges the warm persimmon reds and cool teals and blues. All other colors should be either a match to this color's value, or distinctively lighter or darker. If the walls are a smooth finish, then the carpet would be slightly ribbed or patterned.

Then determine what will be your secondary colors. Blue and blue-green (teal) would make an excellent choice in solid and patterned variations. Here, a bright magenta could be added in a weave or print pattern. These colors also combine to make elegant iridescent effects.

Despite the popularity of decorating with many patterns, I would recommend using no more than two patterns of different scales and with one color in common between them.

Readers familiar with the finer points of the teachings of the Church will be ahead of the game here (as is always the case in Koesler's mysteries).

His vividly fleshed out characters are delightful, and his effective evocation of the rather eerie background against which this darkest of deeds takes place makes the adventure even more fun.

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Ultimately, "Masquerade" is a bit more complex than you may think. Victoria Diaz is a free-lance writer/creative writing instructor who lives in Livonia.

They complete the color harmony with warm accents of persimmon reds and magentas in decorative pillows, braiding, and silk flower arrangements. Cap off everything with discreet touches of burnished gold in candle sticks and picture frames. The entire look will also achieve a sense of elegance if wood finishes are included in armchairs or other furniture pieces. Avoid anything too plastic or metallic with such an intense color harmony.

Q. Many spring and summer fashions are using a strong yellow-green color that I've heard described as "chartreuse." It's very dramatic, especially when combined with other strong colors. Since I like keeping up with fashion, I was wondering whether I should wear this color, or avoid it? I'm quite tall, with an in-between shade of brown-blondish hair, hazel eyes, and balanced skin tones that don't seem to fit in to any "seasonal" category.

A. Since the 1920s, the yellow-green color you are referring to as "chartreuse" has been surveyed by various color researchers and found to be consistently and deeply disliked — more than any other color. Yet this most-hated color makes its periodic appearances, particularly in fashion.



Helen Diane Vincent

Don't hesitate to use very small amounts of this color when it adds sparkle to deep, rich colors. But avoid it in any larger amounts or in a solid color garment. It's perhaps the most unflattering color for most skin tones, and for anyone with pale or even medium balanced coloring. I would suggest exploring other fashion colors you can use to your advantage, such as the new oranges and rusts making their periodic comeback.

Helen Vincent will be teaching a class on "Updating Ideas About Good Taste" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 through the Bloomfield Schools Adult Education Program. For information/registration, call 433-0885.

Flower show judging calls for special training

Your African violets are so vivid and healthy and your hanging hoya so lush that you're sure they could win a ribbon or trophy in a major flower show like the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show to be presented this weekend by the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Yost Field House, Ann Arbor.

But you're a bit intimidated by the rules for exhibitors, by the stiff competition and perhaps by the stiff judges. Just how qualified are these judges to deem one primrose more perfect than another, one garden's design concept more original than its competitor?

Nancy Passfield, an accredited master judge, offers some answers to these questions and insights into the complexities of gardening competition. A resident of Farmington Hills, she has attained the highest rank possible for judges accredited by the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

The following are some questions posed to Passfield and her answers: Q. The show you will be judging at U-M is a standard flower show. What does that mean?

A. A standard flower show is one that follows the standard federated guidelines established by the National Council of State Garden Clubs. All of those requirements, including categories of entries, awards offered and awards criteria, are basically the same for shows nationwide. The rules are unbendable and must be followed to the letter for the show to qualify as a standard flower show.

For example, each standard show must have at least as many horticulture entries — cut specimens or potted plants — as artistic design entries — the floral arrangements. Each division must have at least five classes, or categories, with a minimum of four entries in each. And, of course, all exhibits must be judged by accredited judges.

Q. These accredited judges them-

selves must have met some requirements. A. Yes, rigorous ones. Prospective judges must first take three courses in artistic design and horticulture and pass a preliminary exam just to become student judges. During this period, they also must compete in accredited shows and acquire three blue ribbons for artistic design and two in horticulture classes or vice versa.

This show diversity in growing and exhibit design. Then they take two more courses and pass a final exam to gain judge accreditation. The whole process take most people about two years.

To remain accredited, they must attend a symposium at least once every two years. After attending three sets of those, they earn the title of life judge. If they continue exhibiting and attending symposiums for still another two years, they become master judges.

Q. What about the requirements for exhibitors? Are their entries heavily screened?

A. No. Just the major garden environments, which comprise a small portion of the exhibits, are screened by a panel. Standard flower shows must open all design and horticulture competition to the general public, amateurs only. Many flower shows offer the free services of consultants for each class to help exhibitors understand what is expected of them.

Some general rules must be followed for eligibility in any class. For instance, no taxonomy is permitted, spray painting in any exhibition is not allowed and the United States flag must not be used in a design. Exhibitors also must meet the requirements of whatever classes they enter. One class may ask the designer to incorporate white pine into all fresh plant material; another might require all dried plants for a combination of fresh and dried. Some of the requirements for design classes

are so specific they state the exact dimensions of tables and pedestals. The planning of a vignette for a design entry, depending on its complexity, could take months. The exhibitor might need to coordinate colors and corner furniture arrangements, even table settings. A design entry should convey certain feelings as well as visual impressions.

Q. With all these requirements to consider, along with your subjective opinions, how does a judge determine the award-winners in just a few hours?

A. We use the same elements and principles of design that judges of any art competition would use in their decision-making. For the garden environments and design classes, we consider motion, contrast, rhythm, balance of scale. In the horticulture classes, the goal is horticultural perfection. The flowers must be very fresh and at just the right stage of bloom — not too tight, not too open. House plants should be clean and well-groomed for the occasion.

Since we use a 100-point scale for scoring, we can point score if we're faced with two very similar entries.

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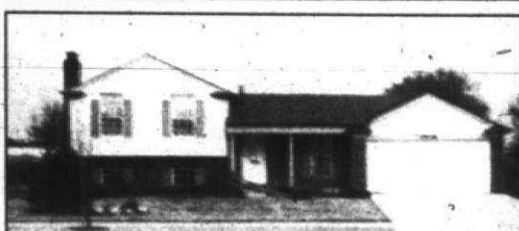
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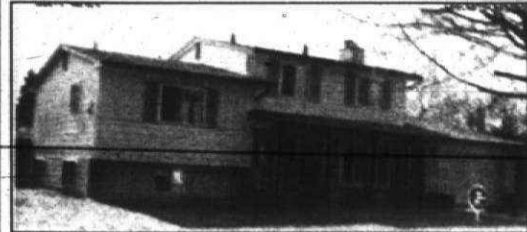
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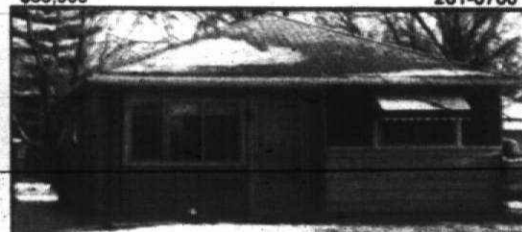
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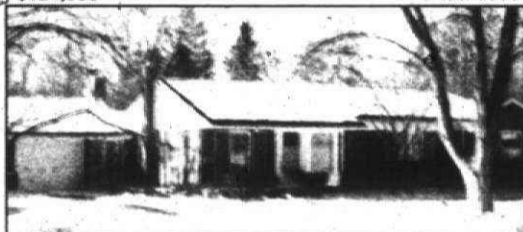
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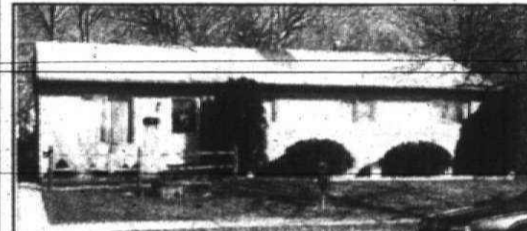
PLYMOUTH

CUSTOM 3 YEAR OLD RANCH - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, Pella windows, wood floor in great room and formal dining room, ceramic foyer and kitchen. Walkout lower level, covered porch and 3 car garage.
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BUNGALOW - 1st time buyer or investment. 2 bedrooms, living room, formal dining room. 2nd sink & countertop. Bath fixtures replaced, new carpet, new vinyl siding. Front & back porch rebuilt.
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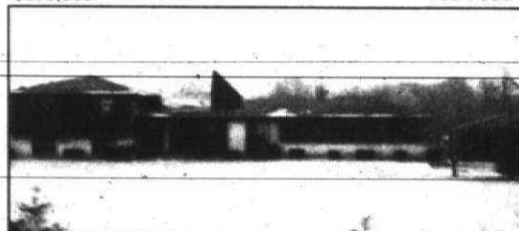
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DELIGHTFUL - Four bedroom home with 2 1/2 baths, full finished basement, large country kitchen, and fenced yard. One year Protection Plan. Located in Surrey Heights Sub.
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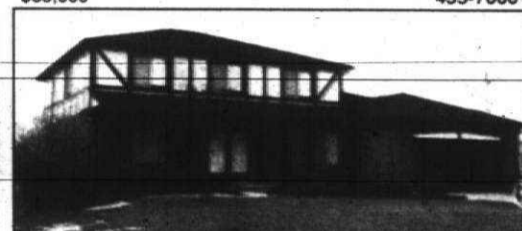
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GREAT BUY N. OF I-96 - Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, basement and 2 1/2 car garage. Newer vinyl windows, furnace, awnings, gutters & doorwall to covered patio. Sprinkler system.
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2 1/2 ACRES - Large, immaculate home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3 1/2 car garage, 18x24 deck. New neutral floor coverings. Unique floor plan. 1st floor master suite could be used as in-law quarters.
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TRAILWOOD - Original owner & well maintained! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with library, 1st floor laundry and inviting family room with fireplace. Very clean and neutral.
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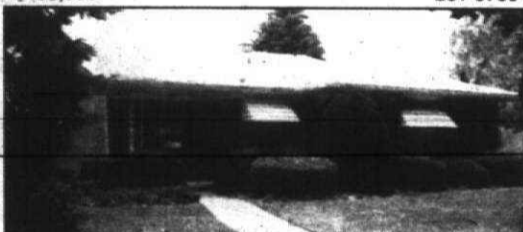
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SECLUDED CONTEMPORARY - Open floor plan and neutral decor make for decorators dream in this newly built Plymouth, 3 bedroom plus study split level. Featuring passive solar design.
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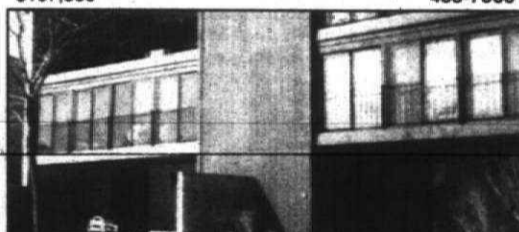
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WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH - Three bedroom ranch with attached garage, new family room with fireplace. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet. Fenced yard.
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LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE? - 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home has it all. Large country kitchen, dining room, family room with fireplace, security system, sprinklers, newer furnace, C/A & roof.
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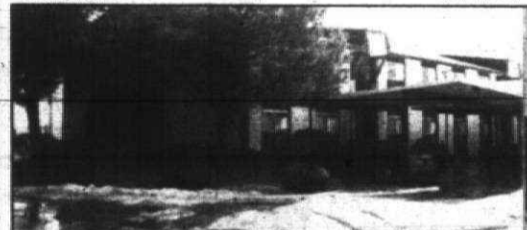
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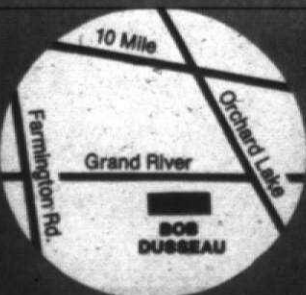
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A family tradition Area builders are 'chips off the old block'

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Careers in building and development are a family tradition in a number of major contracting firms, with the company serving as a unique heirloom that is not a guaranteed treasure.

Some children entered the family business because it was something they had planned to do since toddlers while others tried other fields and then came "home" to construction. Still others had to prove they deserved a spot in the family firm.

Peter Burton, 36, and Robert Katzman, 44, are co-owners of a Birmingham development/building

company that combines their last names.

Burton's father, Lester, 76, built houses in partnership with Nathaniel Share. Katzman's father, Sidney, now deceased, built houses under the name of Prudential Investment Co.

Peter Burton is the only one of six siblings to go into the building business.

"I'm sure my father hoped one of us would get in," he said. "There was no pressure, but he always made it known the opportunity was there."

Burton said his career in development was accidental and that he would find work in the construction field when he was running low on cash for "adventures."

"By some accident about 15 years ago, I was in Los Angeles after a trip overseas. I needed some money, so I would do anything, being a handyman. The business grew into a large, thriving, general construction business."

"I didn't want anything handed to me," Burton continued. "After I was successful in construction, he (father) wanted me to return to manage his business. I felt I made it alone. He didn't have to hold my hand."

So Burton returned to Michigan, first working for his dad, then teaming with Katzman, founder of Abbey Homes.

"I grew up in the business," Robert Katzman said. "As a little kid, I

knew I would do it."

Katzman followed his father to different job sites when he was young, then started working by cleaning out crawl spaces when he was 14.

"IT WAS a matter of starting from the bottom-up so when you own a business, when you tell someone to do something, you know what you're talking about because you've done it," Katzman said.

"My dad always encouraged, but didn't push," he said.

Lester Burton said his father, Barnett, ruled his family in an autocratic, old-country way.

"My father wanted me to be a

lawyer. I wasn't enthusiastic. I didn't know how to say no," Lester said.

So Lester worked for his father — dirty jobs like repairs and breaking concrete — and his dad paid for his education.

Then tragedy intervened.

"My father died a year before I graduated. When studying for the bar, I built my first house," Lester said.

HE EVENTUALLY became a lawyer, but made his mark in building.

Lester said he's seen several situations where fathers drove their sons away with criticism. He decided early on that it was better to work in separate offices, give Peter plenty of room and avoid second guessing.

Lester also was persuaded by his wife that he couldn't order his son into the business like his father had directed him to law a generation earlier.

Inter-generation rivalry here? Nope. "Peter is 10 times a better developer than I was," Lester said.

Paul Levine, president of the Irvine Group of Farmington Hills, started working for his father, Irving, at about 15 years of age.

"I don't think I was encouraged or discouraged," Paul said.

THE OPPORTUNITY to learn the business was made available, but not on a silver platter. Paul, 42, cleaned houses and worked with superintendents in the field.

"I learned everything from the outside in," he said.

But the first order of business of young adulthood was getting a college degree. Paul pursued business and psychology, interrupting studies for a four-year Navy hitch. There wasn't one single incident that drew him to the construction industry.

"It was a business to go into that offered varied opportunities rather than one specific thing," Paul said. "What I like is so many challenges, so many things to do. I'm working on three or four different projects."

Irving Levine, 72, Paul's father, founded Irvine Home Builders. He learned rudimentary construction skills from his dad, Sam, a carpenter.

"IN THOSE days, business was operated out of our house," Irving recalled of his youth.

Sam insisted that Irving go to college. There, he studied economics and accounting, which came in handy in running the office end of the operation. Irving said he never pressured Paul to join his company.

"If you try to mold, you probably frustrate more than anything else," Irving said. "It's pretty hard to mold your son into following you. Let the kid grow up and make his own decision."

Irving insisted that Paul incorporate the Irvine name into his company to capitalize on the good will built up over the years. Paul often taps his dad's experience on a consulting basis.

Nancy Bonadeo, operations manager for Bonadeo Builders of Plymouth, is the rare woman who followed her dad, James, into what traditionally has been a man's business.

Bonadeo, 35, is a licensed builder who is now learning the office end of the business after spending several years in the field.

'I grew up in the business. As a little kid, I knew I would do it.'

— Robert Katzman

She said she always knew she would end up in the family business, but made a decision to go in other directions first. "Mostly to have something different," she said.

BONADEO EARNED a degree in business computer systems and worked in that field for five years before going into building.

She recalled spending many many Saturdays on job sites as a young girl. She worked in the office as a teen.

Bonadeo said the expectation was always there that she would enter the family business, but she couldn't point to a specific incident that prompted the move when she did.

"I thought about it quite a while. It was always in the back of my mind," she said.

The dynamics is what's most

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Peter Burton and his dad, Lester, are one of the many father-son combinations in the building industry. Children of builders

who eventually ended up in the business generally said they weren't pushed to follow in dad's footsteps.

Ideal home for '90s geared to lifestyle change

The 'ideal' house for the 1990s is one that is designed for the 'thirty-something' generation and meets the changing needs of families, according to the Farmington Hills-based Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The New American Home is an 'ideal' home that is built each year at the National Association of Home Builders convention, said James Bonadeo, president of the Michigan group.

This year's challenge, he said, was to create a feeling of uncluttered spaciousness and elegance within an affordable price range for young families.

"The house built in an Atlanta suburb for the 46th annual NAHB convention was designed for the 'thirty-something' market," Bonadeo said.

"THESE PEOPLE are raising young children, have a taste for luxury but are fundamentally budget-conscious. This market generally consists of the first or second time move-up buyer."

The architectural firm of Claude Miquelle Associates of Wakefield, Mass. designed the award winning home, which featured a blend of old and new architectural features.

The firm began at the top with ceilings that are coffered, opened up or angled to follow the roofline. For example, the center entry has a traditional hipped roofline, balcony and vented pediment, hinting at classical Georgian motifs.

Next, they provided outdoor access from almost every room, which visually and physically opened up the house. Interior doors topped with

glass allow light to brighten every corner.

A new type of window treatment used—stepped window moldings finished with the same stucco that covers the walls, but in a contrasting color—adds depth and texture to the facade.

"THE NEW American Home '90 features an innovative floor plan that breaks some conventional rules," Bonadeo said. "The stairwell is located directly off the kitchen and family room, rather than the more public and formal foyer. Another architectural twist is a loft atop the stairwell, adding volume and dimension to the family's 'common ground' kitchen area."

The foyer, dining room and parlor can be maintained as a private area simply by closing the doors to the family and breakfast rooms. But simply swinging the doors open allows the rooms to flow together.

"As families increasingly use the dining room as an everyday gathering place, as well as for formal entertaining, its design was balanced to accommodate both functions. The family room acts as the focus of the family's entertainment and therefore opens directly into the kitchen," Bonadeo said.

THE MASTER suite would not be complete without a double sink counter and spacious walk-in closet. But the uniqueness in the design is a short flight of steps that leads to a secluded spa area, equipped with a whirlpool tub and a view to the wooded backyard.

A multi-level deck links the indoor

living areas with the woodland view behind the house and adds a full 400-square feet of fair-weather living space to the home.

Other key areas of the ideal home for the 1990s include a 250 square foot bonus room above the garage with separate access and the base-

ment features glass block windows that bring in daylight.

Both areas can be adapted to use as extra bedrooms, hobby room or home office.

The house has 2,300 square feet of finished space and is priced under \$200,000.

Higher interest rates, lack of faith depress home sales

(AP) — High interest rates and declining consumer confidence somewhat depressed new home sales in February although they bounced back slightly from steep declines the previous two months, according to Commerce Department figures released last week.

The department said new single-family homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 607,000 units in February after plummeting 6.8 percent in January and a revised 8.0 percent in December.

But the February rate still was below the 649,000 homes sold in 1989 and, except for January, the lowest since 556,000 homes were sold on an annual basis last March. Sales totaled 589,000 in January.

"THE HOUSING industry has been adversely affected by the increase in mortgage rates in January and February," said economist Richard Peach of the Mortgage Bankers Association. "I don't see much of a decline in rates in the months ahead and there's substantial risk that they

will go higher in the second half of the year."

David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, also pointed to weakness in the economy, including slower job growth, as contributing to a decline in consumer confidence and thus softer sales.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said interest on fixed-rate mortgages rose from 10.17 percent at the beginning of February to 10.31 percent before falling to 10.23 percent at month's end.

Mark Obrinsky, an economist with the Federal National Mortgage Association, described the 10 percent level a "psychological barrier" that was keeping the housing market a little weaker than at the end of 1989 when rates dropped into single digits.

John Tuccillo, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, also blamed high mortgage rates for a 2.3 percent decline in existing home sales last month.

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Condo groups—leave legalities to lawyers

Our management company has suggested to the board of directors that it assist in the collection procedure, even after the matter has been turned over to the attorney for the association.

The management company is attempting to keep the costs down for the association, even though there are no lawyers on the staff of the management company. Do you think this is a good policy?

The management company can play a key role in any of the association's collection policies. That role should be played, however, primarily when the delinquency is first created by way of the agent following the collection policy, sending late notices and reminder letters to the delinquent co-owner.

However, once the matter has been turned over to the association's counsel for the filing of a lien and other legal action, the management company, while in a position to assist the attorney in gathering information, should not interject itself into the negotiations and/or prosecution of the delinquent co-owner without the advice and consent of the attorney.

Some management companies, unknowingly, undermine the association's best interests and compromise the association's claim.

I also have seen situations where management companies incorrectly have quoted pay-off figures to delinquent co-owners after the matter has been turned over to legal counsel which has caused both economic loss as well as embarrassment to the association.

I am a follower of your column and interested in the various new concepts which can be utilized in the

condo queries
Robert M. Meisner

development of different kinds of condominiums. Have you got any "hot items" that you have observed recently concerning how one can "condominiumize" some space?

While this list is not exhaustive, one of the interesting ideas which I have had an opportunity to look at recently not only was a marina condominium with boat slips but with the dry dock facilities.

In short, the marina and the condominium provided a dry dock area where co-owners would have the right to store their boats during the winter.

Similarly, I am seeing "parking lot" condominiums both at commercial facilities as well as recreational facilities. No one has retained me yet, however, to consider any "galactical" condominiums but I would probably say that this idea is "out of this world."

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney specializing in condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Rd., Suite 467, Birmingham 48010.

This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

Developers follow in their father's footsteps

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Her brother, Mark, also is in the family business.

Gerald Brody, 34, vice president of operations for The Brody Group of Bloomfield Hills, remembers his father, Robert, company president, taking him to job sites when he was 5 or 6 years old.

"Going through houses and seeing lumber, I enjoyed it immensely," Brody said. "Riding on a bulldozer, front-end loader — I wasn't afraid of it."

Brody started working as a laborer/go-fer at about age 14. "In this business, you've got to learn from the ground up," he said.

Brody said he never really talked with his father about entering the business while growing up.

"WE DISCUSSED law, accounting. He never pushed me per se about going into the business. It's something that came about on my own," he said. A real estate professor in business school further whet Brody's appetite for development.

"I knew eventually I would end up in real estate one way or another," he said.

Brody, who holds a builder's license and a real estate brokerage license, joined the family business after a one-year stint as a car broker.

That's when his father took notice and extended the invitation.

"Two things tipped the balance — earning potential of real estate and development, and long-term gratification," Buzz said.

"My father is a very shrewd person," he said. "In my opinion, he was taking the risk of me not going into the business to hyper-motivate me to be tougher and more aggressive to enter the business."

Buzz is a third generation builder, having followed Gilbert and Nathan. His partner, Jonathan Silverman, also is third generation, having followed in the footsteps of his father, Toby Holtzman, and grandfather, Joe Holtzman.

Homes designed for child safety, enjoyment

walls, and that's enough to make you climb the walls, take heart — some companies are ready to turn children's room walls into playthings. The amusing wall coverings are

among a bumper crop of home products meant to make life safer, more educational and more fun for kids.

There's even a house on the market geared to child safety. The Orleans Co., a home builder in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., has what it claims is the first home designed specifically to protect a child.

An optional package of 25 safety features would add \$2,495 to the price of a house in the Stonegate development in Mount Laurel, N.J. The homes sell for between \$159,000 and \$189,000.

Besides a monitoring intercom, the package includes light switches and stair railing set at child height, spring-loaded locks on electrical outlets, locks on cabinets and utility

room doors, anti-scald devices on hot water pipes leading to faucets, screwed-to-the-floor heat register covers, countertops and window sills with rounded corners, stair gates, smoke detectors in closets where children are apt to play, high density carpet padding, a low-profile hearth and door sills, and landscaping with non-toxic plants.

The company consulted child safety experts in designing the home, said Gary Stefanoni, sales manager. The model, which also is furnished with widely available safety features, is open to the public.

PRODUCT CHOICES for children have expanded enormously, said Antonio F. Torrice, co-author of "In My Room: Designing for and with Chil-

are overcrowded."

A child's bedroom walls are becoming a focus of the educational process with wide, decorative borders that have a learning or a play component. The Essex Kids line by GenCorp of Hackensack, N.J., features three border motifs — a farm scene, city street and dollhouse — which are applied like regular wall-covering.

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By Popular Mechanics For AP Newfeatures

I've been hearing a lot about the dangers of formaldehyde pollution in the air inside my home. What is the source of this pollution and what can be done about it?

Formaldehyde is a resin used in home products such as hardwood plywood used in wall paneling, particle board used in underlayment and medium-density fiberboard used in furniture, countertops and cabinets. People sensitive to the formal-

dehyde emitted by these kinds of material experience burning eyes and irritation of the mucous membranes. It is also a probable cause of cancer in humans.

Formaldehyde risk from conventional housing using conventional construction techniques is minimal. Many builders have shifted away from particle board in favor of exterior grade plywood which contains a different resin. And the National Particle Board Association and the Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Association have developed voluntary standards to reduce the substance in their products.

The amount of formaldehyde released depends on the surface area containing formaldehyde and the volume of the house. Smaller houses and mobile homes, which contain a lot of these boards, have a likelihood of higher emission rates. Formal-

dehyde emission rates do lessen over time. This, coupled with the fact that many products adhere to some guidelines, means even recently built houses should not have a problem.

But if someone in your family is sensitive, you can ventilate the area and paint the surface of the formaldehyde-containing product with a paint that acts as a vapor retarder. This is especially important in the case of medium-density fiber board. This product is the highest emitter of formaldehyde and is not governed by voluntary standards.

We have a facet that squeals when it is turned on partially. The squeal stops when the faucet is turned past a critical point. What causes the squeal and what can I do to eliminate it? A squealing faucet is usually the

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result of a worn washer. When the stem is turned out (as happens when you turn on the water) and the clearance between the washer and the valve seat reaches a certain distance, the washer will vibrate and squeal like a reed in a wind instrument. As the valve is opened more, the space becomes greater and the reed effect — and noise — ceases. Simply replace the washer.

I have a large concrete driveway that's about 30 years old. Part of it is in fair condition and could be patched and resurfaced. Would it be worth it to blacktop it, or should I replace it with concrete? Broken concrete driveways can be surfaced with a topping of asphalt using the concrete as a base as long as it is solid. Remove any broken and loose concrete, then compact the base and patch the holes with con-

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(For further information on any home problem, write to Popular Mechanics, Readers Service Bureau, 224 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.)

Home sales

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THE REALTORS said the February pace was the slowest in seven months. Many analysts had expected sales to surge with the unusually warm weather in January and February following the fourth coldest December on record.

But Obrinsky said the median time to find a house is about seven weeks "so that some that sat on the sidelines in December" may still be looking but haven't found their house yet.

"It's possible we could see some further increases in March and April," he said. Sales were up 21.3 percent to 256,000 units at an annual rate in the South, more than rebounding from a 16.3 percent decline in January. But sales fell elsewhere in the nation.

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Oriental rugs regain center stage in home decorating

By Barbara Mayer AP Newfeatures

Oriental rugs have long been a decorating favorite, but as part of the current emphasis on traditional decor they're particularly ac-

courant. With museum cooperation, new copies are being made of rare old originals. An educational series on Oriental rugs is set for Christie's auction house in New York in the spring.

The wide disparity in price and patterns and confusing marketing methods make choosing an Oriental difficult, according to John Kurtz, host of the PBS series. Adding to the dilemma are dealers with perennial "going out of business" sales and fictitious price reductions of 40 to 60 percent, he said.

No matter the type, said Kurtz,

every Oriental should be evaluated on the quality of wool and workmanship and the appeal of color and design. While the latter two characteristics are more subjective than the first two, experts usually agree on which rugs are more desirable and which are less so.

Even a novice, said Kurtz, can soon distinguish between good wool, which resembles the hand of a fine wool suit, and one of lesser quality, which may feel harsh and scratchy. Beware, however, the too soft rug. It won't wear well.

Both natural vegetable dyes, which give a softer color, and the more common chrome dyes are excellent. Aniline synthetic dyes, which you may find in some older rugs, are not reliably durable, Kurtz said.

While there are plenty of old Orientals around, many new rugs are being woven. An interesting venture begun in 1984 is the partnership between the rug-weaving city of Ti-

anjin, China, and a rug merchant in Philadelphia. The cooperative produces authorized copies of masterpieces from eight museums.

THE RUGS are sold mainly through high-end home furnishings stores.

Cooperating museums are Independence Hall, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Preservation Society of Newport, R. I., Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Del., Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; Historic Charleston Foundation, Historic Natchez Foundation and the British National Trust.

Copies from the Museum of Decorative Arts in Paris and the Brooklyn Museum will soon be available, according to Roy Maloumian, president of the Philadelphia company.

Each collection includes just a few rug designs in several sizes, from 4 by 6 to 11 by 18 feet. Prices range from \$800 to about \$4,000. There are runners from 10 to 20 feet long. Custom sizes in any length and as wide as 20 feet are available. Delivery for a custom rug is about one year.

The five seminars at Christie's organized by Keith Wayne, head of the rug and carpet department in New York, are designed to focus on what

it takes to be a knowledgeable buyer and why buying an imported Oriental is so complicated.

Imported Orientals generally come from one of four sources: a cottage industry, small or large factory or from nomadic tribes who weave as they go. Appearance differs with each source.

Some areas provide all sources. In Turkey, for example, there are factories, cottage industries and some tribal rug production.

Besides where they are made and how they are made, rugs can also be classified according to pattern. But traditional patterns of one area may be copied by another. As an investment, Wayne says it is better to buy a rug in the area where the pattern originated.

OLD RUG or new? Pampered rugs that have mellowed and developed patina are favored by those who believe older rugs are usually more finely woven.

But, said Wayne, "at the high end, new rugs are very, very good."

Damaged rug? If an antique Oriental is otherwise pleasing, some damage is no reason to pass it up, Wayne said, unless you are extremely sensitive to visible signs of wear

and reweave patches. Buying at auction can save money, but you don't get to see the rug on

the floor before you take it. When you buy retail, you can usually take a rug home on approval.

Create an efficient, basic home workshop

By Reader's Digest For AP Newfeatures Staff writer

If you dream of an efficient, functional place to work on projects and store tools, here are some hints to help you get started on your ideal home workshop.

A workbench is the heart of a workshop. A sturdy 2 by 4 frame topped by a double layer of 1/2-inch plywood will serve as an excellent, easy-to-make workbench.

If a full-sized bench takes up more space than you have, you can build a fold-down unit. Use a solid core door for the bench top; fasten it to a wall, using a piano hinge. Support the front edge with 2 by 4 legs attached with hinges and folding leg brackets that lock open.

Because concrete is hard on the feet and damages tools that are dropped accidentally, cushion the workshop floor with plywood or an old carpet.

Storing Tools Here are some tips for expanding storage space. • A back of the door tool rack is great for storing small tools and supplies.

• You can store tools on wall hooks or on a peg board. Paint the outline of each tool on the surface to remind you and others where to replace it.

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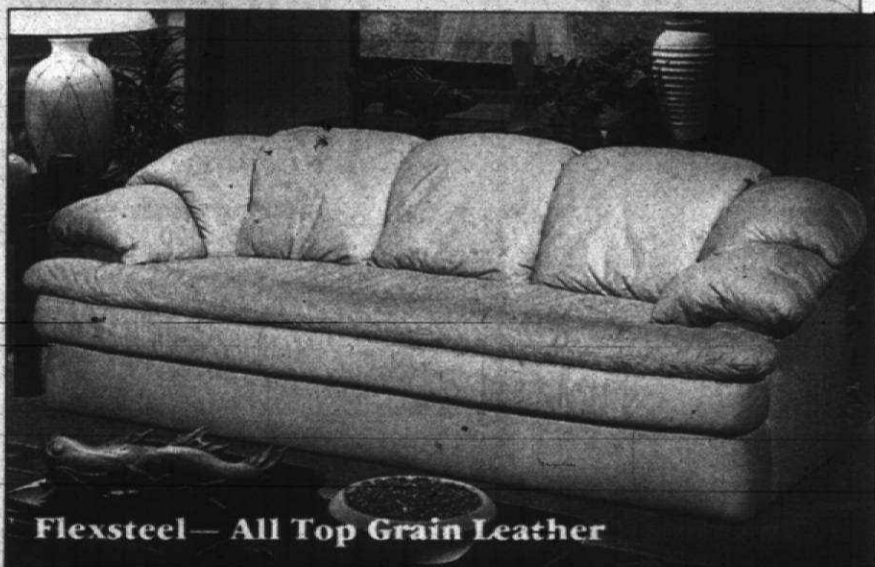
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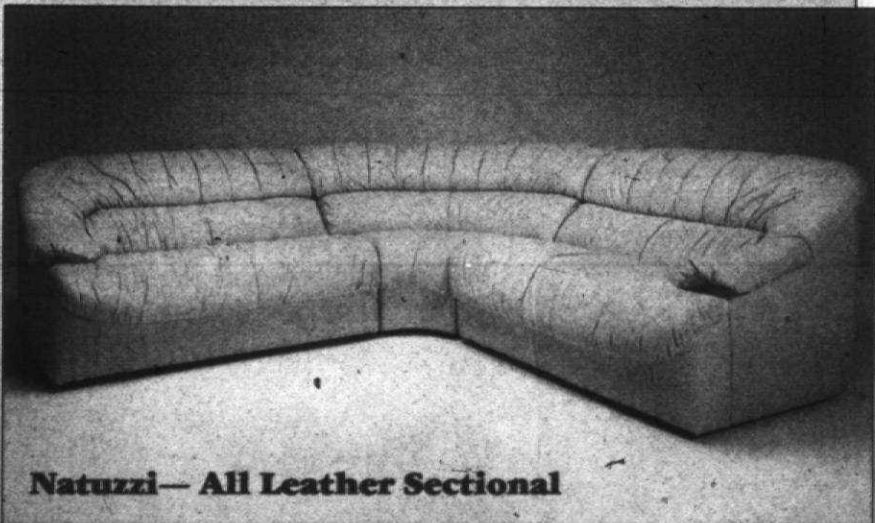
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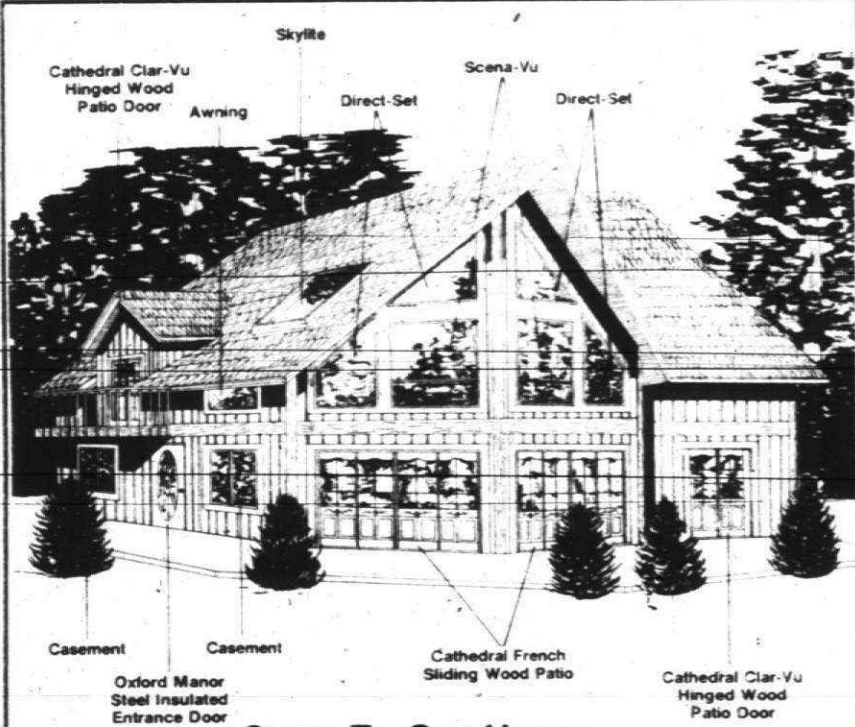
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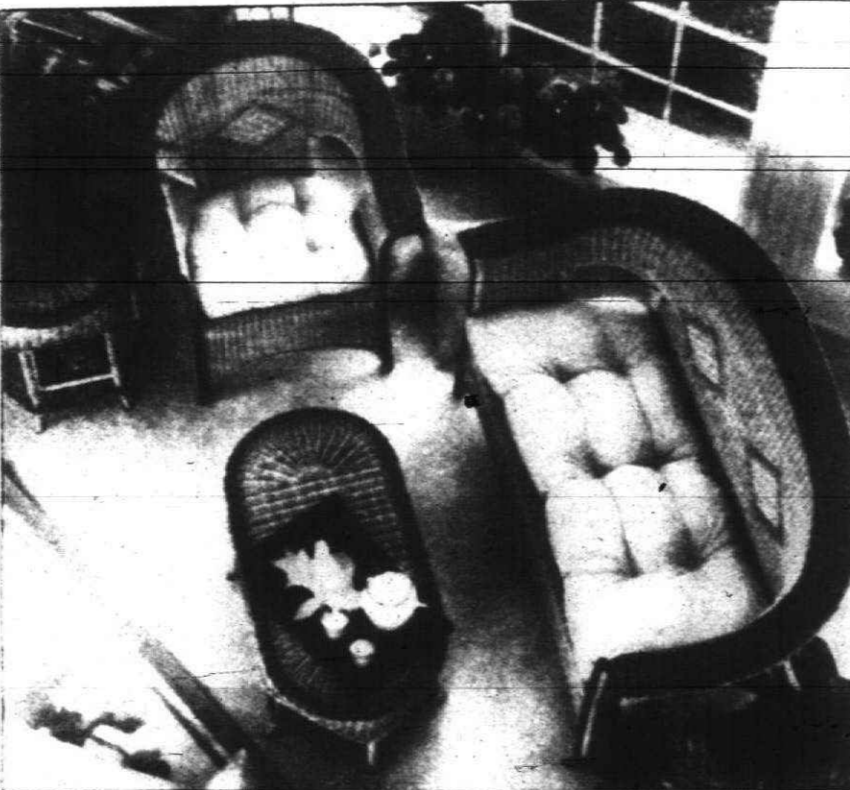
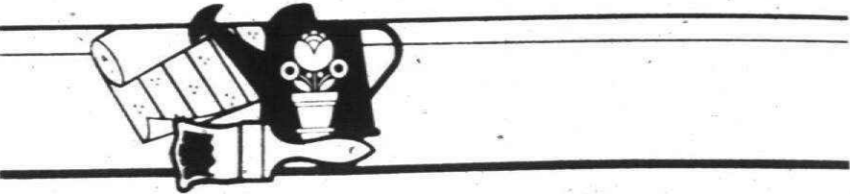
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WHAT DO a medieval cathedral, a storm door in Rhode Island, a shower stall in Arizona and a light fixture in Missouri share in common? The answer: stained glass. The ancient craft of making colored glass, cutting it into pieces to make intricate designs, then framing the pieces with heated lead began in Europe in the Middle Ages. Today, there are few practitioners of this medieval craft. But a modern version of stained glass is available to homeowners through a patented overlay system that uses everyday or tempered glass already in place. It's bringing new light, color, attractive custom-design patterns and even a substantial boost in resale value to homeowners around the nation and in 21 other countries," says William Slippy Jr., executive vice president of Stained Glass Overlay of Irvine, Calif. "We can create the same decorative fixture with the same design, and it weighs eight pounds," Mitchell says.

THE PROCESS STARTS by positioning the desired design, on paper, on one side of a glass section, then cementing flexible lead strips into place by hand on the other, following the design lines. Colored coverings — translucently thin but durable — are razored to fit, then cemented into place. This material can be textured or smooth. The new system, Slippy says, has led to an international franchise network of artisans who can create and install a customized stained glass overlay in a few days rather than weeks. One of the artisan-entrepreneurs — Don Mitchell of St. Charles, Mo. — points out that an in-home light fixture made by the original stained glass method would weigh about 80 pounds.

WHAT'S inside

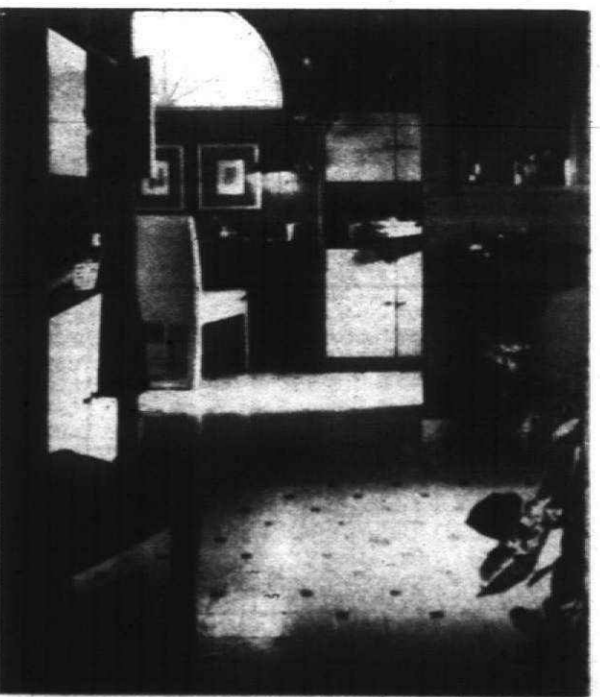
THERE'S always a *g* emphasis on kitchens when thoughts of spring and remodeling first crop up. Inside this special section we cover a couple of aspects. One is on kitchen remodeling itself with some very valuable planning help from the National Kitchen and Bath Association. See story on Pages 6-7. Incidentally, the kitchen shown with the story is featured in *Woman's Day Home Ideas & Baths*. The cooking center features the flexibility of a combination wall oven, white-glass cooktop with solid cast-iron cooking elements, and a downdraft vent system, all from KitchenAid. The low wall of the cooking peninsula is brightened by mosaic tiles from American Olean Tile and serves to shield cooking clutter from guests. SEVERAL area landscape firms will be among the major exhibitors in the *Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show*. One of them is Goldner Waist Nursery in Pontiac who will create an English garden setting. A Japanese spring garden, called a *Haru-en*, will be created by Alexander Nursery of Mt. Clemens. For a complete details on the show, see the story on Pages 8-9.

Color creative
A palette for every design imagined

IF YOU have fond memories of days spent coloring with crayons and painting with blocks, take heart. Today's home fashion trends encourage very similar creative play, and there are fewer rules and directives than ever before. But with the furnishings, accessories and sophisticated colors you have to play with, the results are far from childlike. You can translate your imagination and fantasies into lovely interiors. Four categories are pre-eminent in home decor this spring: vibrant and clear relaxed and rustic ethnic contemporary. And you can "color in" these styles with shades from any row in the crayon box. Instead of fitting into neat categories, the colors this spring comfortably cross from one category to another. You can mix and match them to capture whatever feeling you want. Traditionalism is the strongest trend for spring, and it takes two different forms. Victorian features florals and other prints, silk fabrics and plenty of tassels. RELAXED AND RUSTIC traditional continues the strong country feeling, but with a whimsical flair. The Southwest influence remains central — not just the crisp, levelness of the desert, but also the diversity of its colors. From the reds and oranges of the Southwest to the blues and greens of the Southwest, these colors are being freshened this spring. The Santa Fe mauve and sea foam shades are deeper than they had been. They're refreshing if you're decorating anew. But if you find the light pastels you already have are nurturing and airy, don't fret. They remain very much in vogue. COLOR THEMSELVES are being freshened this spring. The Santa Fe mauve and sea foam shades are deeper than they had been. They're refreshing if you're decorating anew. But if you find the light pastels you already have are nurturing and airy, don't fret. They remain very much in vogue. Color contrast is the key this spring. Use light colors on your walls and accent them with dark pieces around the room. Play vivid colors against neutrals. Be open to new color contrasts. If you used to cling to brown and beige, try placing copper with purple for a tabular look. Purple and green also are dramatic together, but the purple need not be intense. Try a deep eggplant with ashy green, or wisteria with milky green. Consider, too, blending green with spicy shades that have a golden undertone, such as yellow greens or blue greens. There are abundant variations to these colors. And don't forget the neutrals, which you can bring in as a contrast with any color. The beauty of accessories is in their

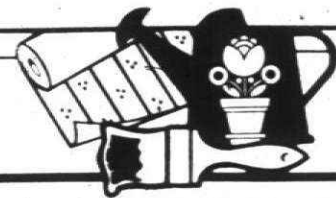
'Lino Look' lives

THE Linoeum Look is back. No, not linoleum itself — that type of flooring hasn't been made in this country for nearly two decades — but the Linoeum Look. Armstrong, the last American linoleum maker, is bringing out a line of vinyl floors inspired by the best linoleum patterns of the 1930s and '40s when Art Deco was all the rage. But since these floors are vinyl, they require less upkeep than linoleum, and can be used anywhere in the home. Despite economic depression and war, the '30s and '40s were an era that defined elegance. Top hats and tails, nightclubs and gossip columns, Bogey and Bacall, big bands, Hollywood opening night, crack express trains hurtling across the continent toward gleaming metropolises — everything swift, sleek and streamlined. That era has been magically re-



"Cafe Society" is one of three vinyl floors in Armstrong's new Encore Collection, inspired by classic linoleum patterns of the 1930s and '40s. The revival of the Linoeum Look can be traced to renewed interest in the streamlined Art Deco styling of that era.

Please turn to Page 7



Gardeners' art ready to bloom

TREAT yourself to a garden paradise by attending the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show April 6-8 at the Yost Ice Arena.

A wonderful surprise will greet you as you enter through the Secret Garden Gate. Inside, you will discover thousands of blooming tulips, daffodils and azaleas, fragrant hyacinths and colorful rhododendrons. Your senses will come alive with lush floral perfumes, running brooks and picture-perfect gardens you would love to call your own.

The "Secret Garden" title was chosen for the show to underscore the fact that the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens is one of the area's best kept secrets. Almost three years of planning have gone into organizing Michigan's largest indoor flower and garden show.

THE SHOW'S HIGHLIGHTS will be special exhibits by local chapters of more than a dozen plant societies, including ikebana, rose, bonsai, herb and orchid groups. Major landscape designers and nursery firms, both traditional and contemporary schools of design, will create dramatic garden environments such as English, Japanese and native Michigan plant landscape.

Michigan garden club members and

novice designers will exhibit floral arrangements, while area residents will enter their finest plant(s) into horticultural competition. Educational and environmental groups will have pictorial displays to illustrate their missions.

Be sure to browse through the Marketplace, which will offer unusual plant and gardening materials for the home or garden. After you have toured the entire show, rest and refreshments will be available in a special area set aside for that purpose.

The flower show, which will be at the ice area at 1600 S. State Street, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 8. Tickets are available now at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, U-M Michigan Union ticket office, all Ticketmaster outlets, at J. L. Hudson stores or at the door of the arena. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under.

Proceeds from the event will fund the Matthaei Gardens' educational and public programs. Guidelines for the show have been established by the National Council of State Garden Clubs for a standard flower show.

For more information, contact the gardens at 998-7061 or 998-7343.

Here's where you can park

For garden show visitors' convenience, free parking is available at the Briarwood Mall on State Street and at Pioneer High School on 601 W. Stadium Boulevard.

Shuttle buses will run regularly to and from both lots to the flower show. Shuttle fare will cost \$1 each way.

For out-of-towners, State Street in Ann Arbor is easily accessible from I-94. Simply get off at State Street (Exit 177) heading north. Park in the Briarwood Mall lot, which will appear on the left side of State Street almost

immediately after exiting 94. The shuttles will board passengers in the east end of the lot by Sears Department Store.

If you choose to park at Pioneer High School get off I-94 at the Ann Arbor-Saline Road exit heading northeast toward Ann Arbor. Take Ann Arbor-Saline Road until it ends at Main Street. Veer onto Main Street. Head north on Main Street and turn left into the Pioneer High School parking lot. Pioneer High School is on the corner of Main Street and West Stadium Boulevard.

About the cover: Welcome news

An artistic setting of a welcome design graces the cover of this special Home and Garden section.

The welcome design is one of four competitive classifications to be on display at the Ann Arbor Flower

and Garden Show featuring the work of amateur floral designers. The arrangement on the cover, however, is only an example of work that could appear. This setting was created by the Matthaei staff.



Matthaei horticulturalist Adrienne O'Brien and Mike Hommel, gardens superintendent, trim some flowers from topiary figures that the gardens will have on display at the flower show. All the plant material for Matthaei's part of the show has been grown under O'Brien's watchful eye. Hommel is flower show designer, stage designer and production coordinator.

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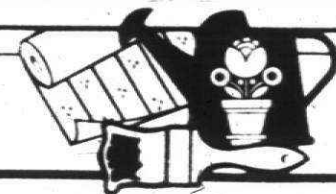
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Tips on creating more space in your home

YOU could make more work and storage space in your present home by thinking twice: Can the area serve more than one purpose, and is there available vertical "air" space?

Even a small kitchen usually can accommodate a multi-purpose spot for household paperwork and meal planning, according to *Better Homes & Gardens' Remodeling Ideas* magazine.

And consider wall space and door-space in addition to floorspace, advises Judith Miley, spokeswoman for Clairson International, makers of closet and storage systems. You may have more cubic footage available than you realize.

The key to working out a multi-purpose work space is to figure out which tasks are done regularly and base the design on those needs.

If you cook and entertain frequently, you probably can use a desk for meal planning and shelves deep enough for cookbooks. The same area can double as a family message, study and computer center complete with wall-mounted cabinets, shelving, bins, wall phone, stationery and books.

You might choose a flat display rack similar to those in stores if many of the cookbooks are in large formats. A stacked desk and shelf combination for the personal computer might be the best choice if you manage household accounts on a PC. Keep in mind that reading and writing by hand require a desk height of about 30 inches, while a computer or typewriter keyboard should be on a surface about 26 inches high.

ALSO PROVIDE A stable power source for the computer, which can lose its memory or scramble your work

during power surges caused by use of other appliances or temporary electrical outages. Power strips or boxes with fused protection against electrical surges and spikes, available in hardware and electronics stores, can be mounted easily to existing outlets.

Use overhead shelves to store small equipment and other items you need frequently but want out of the way. A cork bulletin board mounted next to the wall phone will cut down desktop clutter.

Miley suggests you analyze each room for inventive ways to make better use of the space you have.

Your bathroom linen closet could be turned into a miniature laundry with a compact, stackable washer-dryer (since it's often right on plumbing mains), then linens can be accommo-

dated on wall-running shelves in the bathroom or with tiered shelves in part of a nearby closet outside the room. If you are replacing the tub, consider putting the new one on a platform with storage drawers in the platform step.

While you can maximize cubic footage for storage as part of a renovation project, there still are ways to reorganize your existing space without rebuilding, Miley says. She suggests using stacking shelves, double-hanging shelf-and-rod combinations, vertical dividers, wall-to-wall shelving, or even automated revolving retrieval systems, which her company markets under the Closet Maid and Keiji trademarks. Most of these pieces are based on coated metal wire, with wood and laminates.

YOU ALSO CAN find useable kitchen space by suspending cookware and lightweight plants from ceilings where there isn't traffic or hanging shallow, coated wire bins in existing shelving. Put tiered shelves in previously unused corners.

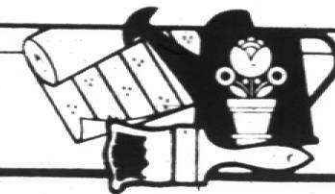
You can make space by mounting shoe shelves on closet walls or on the interior sides of the closet doors. Shallow shelves and coat hooks also can be mounted on doors.

Remember safety and convenience. Plan storage of heavy items between knee and shoulder height, glide-out cabinet organizers for better visibility and access, mobile storage pieces for use as carts to transport appliances, food or tableware to other rooms, and adequate lighting throughout.

— Associated Press



Small, older homes are often long on charm, but short on space. New organizational features help you make the most of every inch.



Spring palette

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color combination. One neutral, one dark, and a spot of color make a terrific decor trio.

One innovative decorative touch this spring is the defining structure colored to stand out against its back-

ground. This structure may be a door or window frame, window box, chair or stool, furniture frame, or even a picture frame. The process is called outlining, and the effect is intriguing.

CHAIRS AND STOOLS are also popular when painted to be absent pieces. Take an old piece and make an artwork project out of it. Then top it with a plant. You will have created a new addition that is whimsical and fun.

The spring colors are rich and diverse. In the vibrant group, there are deep lavender, golden banana, vibrant yellow, reddish blue, wisteria, mulberry, geranium, orange, absinthe green, mandarin red, strawberry pink and apricot glow.

The second group is earth and sea — inspired by our growing environmental concerns as we enter the 1990s. These colors reflect the things we want to protect — our water, soil and greenery. The group includes burnt sienna, golden straw, adobe, agate green, honey yellow, nutmeg and auburn red.

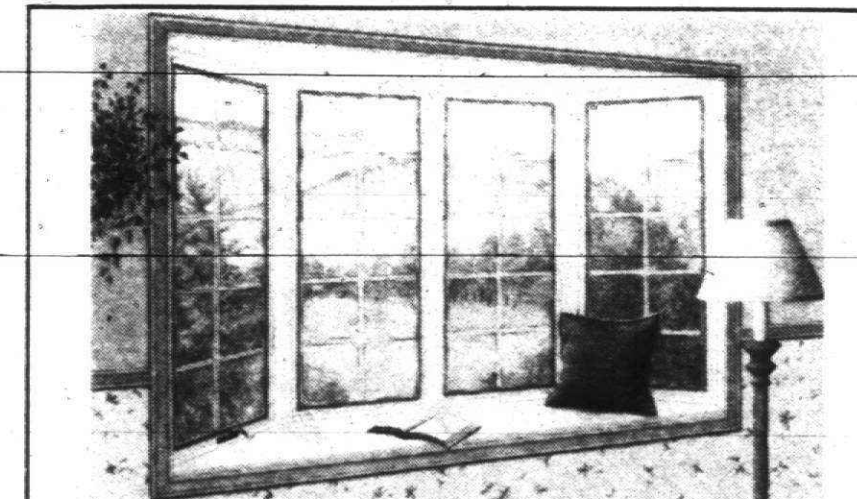
Credits

THIS special Home and Garden section appearing today in all editions of the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers was coordinated by Marie McGee, special sections editor.

Advertising coordinators were David Baker and Dave Snyder.

The cover, an example of the welcome design classification that will be part of the *Ann Arbor Flower and Garden* show opening this weekend, was photographed by staff photographer Bill Bresler.

Questions concerning the section should be directed to McGee at 591-2300, Ext. 313.



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